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The Northern Alberta Development Council was created to advise the provincial government on northern issues and to assist northern citizens in advancing development in northern Alberta. Much of Council's work focuses on the delivery of services to northern residents. Health care is very much one of these critical services.

Northern Alberta offers a full range of health services out of modern, sophisticated facilities. However, continued growth has increased the need for a variety of health care professionals. Nurses, physiotherapists, physicians, dentists and mental health therapists are in high demand in a number of northern centres.

Consider a career in the north! You can gain a tremendous range of practical experience that will be both professionally challenging and personally rewarding. Many opportunities exist for your partner or spouse as well. The north offers a distinct lifestyle in which your family can grow and prosper.

The Northern Alberta Development Council would be pleased to assist you in providing further information on the north and its communities.

Grow with us. Choose a northern experience!

Bob Elliott, MLA
Chairman

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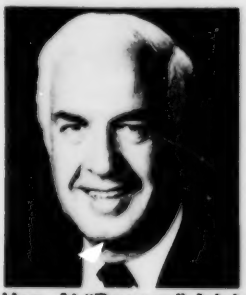

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The Northern Alberta Development Council

The Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) is an advisory body to the minister responsible for northern development. The Council helps in the investigation, planning, promotion and coordination of measures to foster economic and social development in northern Alberta. The Council is dedicated to increasing the dialogue between the provincial government and the citizens of northern Alberta.

The NADC has long been aware of the critical importance of health care to the continued development of the north. In 1983, Council took steps to overcome the shortage of physicians in northern communities. A major study, *Factors Affecting the Supply of Physicians and Dentists in Northern Alberta*, was carried out. Council also implemented the Medical Student Interchange that enabled representatives of northern communities to meet with medical students and inform them of opportunities in the north. In the two years that the NADC sponsored the interchange, 12 doctors relocated to the north.

The NADC is a strong supporter of the Health Care Connection, an event similar to the Interchange and directed at students in a variety of health care professions. The Health Care Connection is sponsored by the Rural Health Care Association of Alberta.

In September 1989, the NADC published the first edition of *Opportunities for Health Care Professionals in Northern Alberta*. The document proved to be very popular with students and professionals interested in career opportunities in the north. The 1991 edition builds on this success by incorporating information on a larger number of health care professions. The community health care profiles section has also been updated and revised to reflect changes in services and staffing since 1989.

NORTHERN ALBERTA DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AREA

(COMMUNITIES WITH POPULATION OVER 75 - 1981 CANADA CENSUS)

PRIMARY HIGHWAY — SECONDARY ROAD — L O C ROAD — RAILWAY

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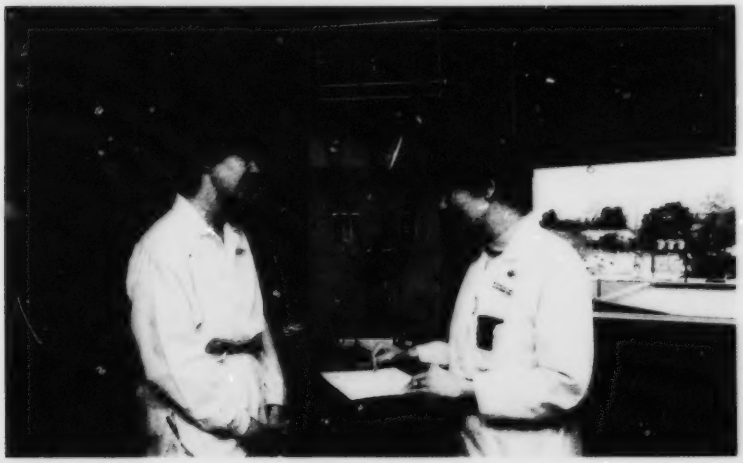
Introduction

Northern Alberta can offer you a challenging career in health care that will allow you to use the full range of your professional skills. Health care professionals in northern Alberta achieve enhanced career development by being exposed to a wide variety of skill applications and new learning experiences.

Apart from career opportunities, northern Alberta also has much to offer as a place to call home. This document can assist you in your search for the career opportunity and community that is right for you. It contains a description of northern Alberta and its people, a summary of the region's future needs for health care professionals and a list of employment incentives and programs applicable to northern Alberta. In addition, the document contains 31 profiles on northern Alberta communities which have major health care facilities. These give essential information on health care employers as well as a description of each community and its recreational facilities and activities.



Northern Alberta — A Description

For the purpose of this document, 'northern Alberta' refers to the area served by the Northern Alberta Development Council (see map, p. 6). The region encompasses 60% of Alberta's land mass (400 000 square km), yet has only 10% of the province's population (250,000 people).

The first residents of northern Alberta were the Dene Tha', Beaver, Chipewyan and Cree Indians. These people were well established in the region when the first European fur traders arrived in the 17th century. Today, people of native ancestry account for roughly 13% of northern Alberta's population.

Successive waves of in-migration have resulted in a diverse ethnic mix. Two-thirds of northern Alberta's population are of western European extraction. Of these, the majority are of British descent followed by German and French. There are also notable populations of people with roots in eastern Europe and the Middle East.

Most northerners live in communities that possess a wide range of services and facilities. Approximately 25% of residents live in the region's two cities of Fort McMurray and Grande Prairie. Another third live in northern Alberta's 26 towns. The remainder (42%) live in villages, hamlets, Metis settlements, Indian reserves and rural areas.

Today, individuals who choose to live and work in the north appreciate its many challenges, opportunities and rewards. Northern communities are well known for their friendliness and hospitality — trademarks of northern living.

Economy

A large part of Alberta's recent economic growth has occurred in northern Alberta. The economy of the region is based on both non-renewable resources such as oil and gas and renewable resources such as forestry and agriculture. Developing the region's tourism potential is now a priority of many northern communities.

The oil and gas industry is an important employer in the north and contributes significantly to the economy. Northern Alberta accounts for more than 30% of the province's crude oil production and 100% of oil sands production.

Approximately 86% of Alberta's forests are in northern Alberta. The forest industry has always been a major employer and is now experiencing a period of unprecedented growth.

Northern Alberta is Canada's largest arable north. The fertile black loam gives rise to abundant crops of barley, wheat and canola. The region is diversifying and experiencing healthy expansion in livestock production. There is an increase in processing of farm produce in honey production, cheese making, indigenous berry production, and market gardens.

Most northern communities offer a wide range of business and retail services. As the north develops and prospers, the retail and service industries will continue to expand. Through a combination of local and regional shopping centres, northerners have access to a full selection of consumer goods and services.

Infrastructure

Economic development in northern Alberta has historically been linked to its transportation system, beginning with the voyageur canoes that plied the major river systems. Today, the region has a well developed network of primary and secondary highways.

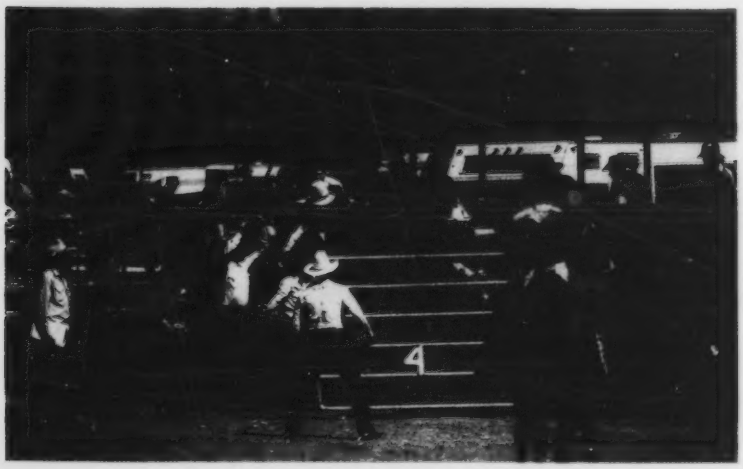
Air transportation is an essential part of northern life. Commercial airlines provide regularly scheduled service from regional centres throughout the north. Air charter companies serve all parts of the north, including remote areas.

Virtually all cities, towns and villages in northern Alberta have modern facilities such as piped and treated water, sewage disposal, power and natural gas. Private line telephone service is available in every community. All but a few remote communities have good television service. Many have multi-channel cablevision while others have satellite television reception.

Recreation and Leisure

Northern Albertans experience four distinct seasons and have developed lifestyles to take advantage of each. Summer temperatures compare well with southern Canadian communities and are characterized by extremely long days. Winter days are typically sunny and offer ideal conditions for cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and ice fishing.

The region's parks and recreation areas offer high-quality recreation opportunities including superb fishing, hiking and wildlife viewing. Other activities range from lying on sandy beaches to pursuits like water skiing, windsurfing, jet boating and hot air ballooning. Many communities have modern recreation facilities including golf courses, indoor swimming pools, arenas and curling rinks.



Health and Social Services

Health services in the north are delivered through a comprehensive system of hospitals, public health units and private clinics. A well developed network of air and ground ambulances links northerners to regional centres that provide a broad range of specialty services. Health care professionals also have access to the expertise of specialists outside their community through a sophisticated telecommunications system.

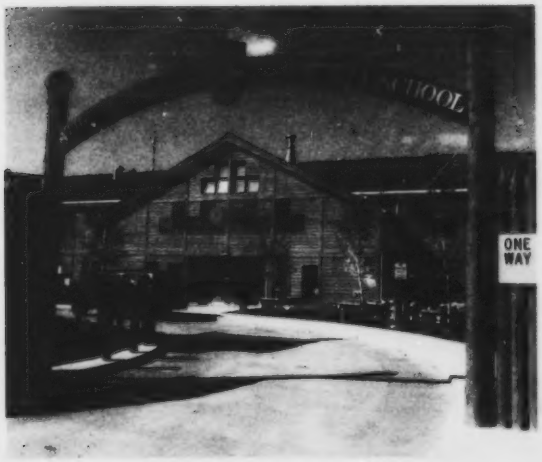
Social services in the north are provided by Alberta Family and Social Services, Family and Community Support Services (FCSS), and other government and private agencies. Communities have developed a solid network of support services to address the needs of families and individuals. Volunteer organizations play an important role in responding to and meeting the needs of residents.

Education

The education system embraces learning from pre-school to colleges. There are 26 school divisions serving the region. Both public and separate school systems offer a progressive curriculum throughout the north.

Post-secondary and adult educational institutions make continuing education and training a priority. The Alberta Vocational Colleges (AVC) of Lac La Biche and Lesser Slave Lake offer adult upgrading and training in response to community and industry needs. Four regional colleges: Keyano (Fort McMurray), Lakeland (St. Paul/ Bonnyville), Fairview and Grande Prairie Regional offer a range of certificate, diploma, apprenticeship trades, academic upgrading and university transfer programs. These transfer courses are accredited by the University of Alberta, the University of Calgary and other post-secondary institutions. Distance education plays a vital role in the north. The colleges and AVCs all have many sub-campuses throughout northern communities which offer satellite programs through the use of on-site instructors, home study, computer assisted learning and teleconference.

Situated in the Town of Athabasca, Athabasca University provides distance education through home study for students throughout Alberta and Canada. Students are supported by telephone tutors, radio and television programs, teleconference sessions, audio and video cassettes and direct seminar contact with instructors. Athabasca University is a leader in long distance learning and is continually expanding and developing new and innovative approaches.



The Future

Northern Alberta is a land of contrasts. Its small population representing many cultures, its vast area and its diverse resources combine to create an interesting and exciting place to plan your future.

Opportunities in the North

Northern Alberta has much to offer health care professionals in terms of professional and personal development. Continued northern growth has increased the need for a full range of health services. Professionals that are in demand include physicians, physical therapists, nurses, dentists, mental health therapists, as well as many others. This section provides an overview of the future needs in northern Alberta for over 30 different health care occupations. It is divided into two parts:

- career opportunities for professionals employed in an institutional or agency setting
- practice opportunities for professionals seeking to establish a business in the north

Information contained in this section is for northern Alberta as a whole. It is intended to give students and professionals a general sense of future career and practice opportunities in the north. To find out more about where these opportunities are located, individuals are advised to contact the relevant government departments and professional organizations listed in the directory at the back of this document. Alternatively, individuals interested in exploring career opportunities in a specific community may wish to contact the hospital, health unit or nursing home administrators listed in the Community Health Care Profiles section (p. 25).

Career Opportunities

Table 1 provides an overview of 23 health care professions in northern Alberta. Information on the number of full-time personnel, part-time personnel and total number of full-time equivalent positions was gathered by the Alberta Health and Social Services Discipline Committee (AHSSDC). Five-year projections of vacant full-time equivalent positions per year are based on the results of the 1991 Northern Alberta Post-Secondary Graduate Requirements Survey.

Table 1 indicates that an extensive network of health care professionals is currently working in the north. Individuals have the opportunity to pursue both full-time and part-time employment. Most professionals listed in Table 1 are always in demand in northern Alberta.

Practice Opportunities

Health care professionals interested in establishing a rewarding and profitable practice will find relevant data presented in Table 2. It shows a comparison of personnel to population ratios for the NADC area and Alberta as a whole for six categories of practising professionals. The ratios contained in the table were calculated based on information obtained from AHSSDC, the 1991 Northern Alberta Post-Secondary Study, and professional associations.

The results shown in Table 2 indicate that many of the practising professions are under-represented in the north. Psychologists, physicians, and dentists are in particular demand. On a per capita basis, northern Alberta's share of these professionals is less than half that of the rest of the province. Even in those professions where the personnel-to-population ratios are close to the provincial average, there are many communities where a profitable practice can be established since many existing practices are concentrated in major centres.

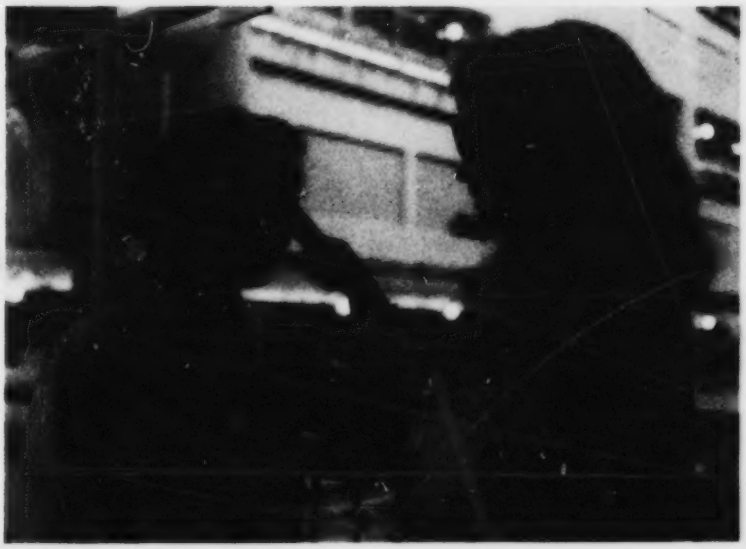


Table 1
Overview of Selected Health Care Professions in Northern Alberta

Occupation	Total Full-time Personnel	Total Part-time Personnel	Total Number of Positions (Full-time Equivalent)	Projected Number of Vacant Full-time Equivalent Positions per Year (1992-1996)[1]
Combined Laboratory and X-ray Technologists	28	13	37	8
Dental Assistants	128	48	162	29
Dental Hygienists	25	20	48	12
Dietary Technicians	24	6	28	5
Dietitians	11	7	17	2
Emergency Medical Technologist — Ambulance	59	70	105	2
Emergency Medical Technologist — Paramedics	34	6	40	8
Health Record Administrators	24	5	29	6
Health Record Technicians	25	7	29	7
Licenced Practical Nurses	306	201	422	24
Medical Laboratory Technologists	110	19	125	6
Medical Radiation Technologists	43	19	53	8
Occupational Therapists	18	11	37	4
Pharmacists	114	49	153	17
Physical Therapists	31	33	71	10
Psychiatric Nurses	15	4	19	8
Psychologists	23	11	38	5
Public Health Inspectors	15	3	19	1
Recreation Therapists	16	0	16	2
Registered Nurses	891	498	1269	132
Respiratory Therapists	8	3	11	1
Social Workers (Masters)	22	0	25	2
Social Workers (Bachelors)	128	5	137	55
Social Workers (Diploma)	76	4	83	19
Speech Pathologists	23	8	39	4

Note:

1. The projected number of vacant full-time equivalent positions per year was calculated using survey data collected for the 1991 Northern Alberta Post-Secondary Graduate Requirements Study. The values represent annual averages for 1992-96 and include both normal staff turnover and newly created positions. Five year projections for medical radiation technologists, pharmacists and psychologists were unavailable at the time of report preparation. The values shown reflect the average number of resignations for 1989 and 1990.

Table 2
Practising Professionals in Northern Alberta

Occupation	Number of professionals for every 10,000 people in NADC area	Number of professionals for every 10,000 people in Alberta	Number of practising professionals in NADC area
Chiropractors	1.55	1.43	16
Dentists	1.81	5.30	45
Optometrists	1.38	0.87	18
Physical Therapists	2.72	4.27	64
Physicians	8.05	17.36	205
Psychologists	1.44	4.57	37

Note:
1. Ratios were calculated using information provided by the AHSSDC, the Northern Alberta Post-Secondary Graduate Study, and professional associations. They reflect information available as of May 1991.

The following paragraphs provide more specific information on each profession listed in Table 2.

Physicians — There is a high demand in northern Alberta for:
- general practitioners
- anesthetists
- obstetricians/gynecologists
- general surgeons
- internists
- psychiatrists

Physicians in northern Alberta have access to continuing medical education through the University of Alberta's Regional Conference Program. In addition, telephone "hotlines" (24 hours) are available that link northern health facilities to major treatment centres in Edmonton and Calgary. There are also regular outreach services including visiting specialists, outreach clinics, and teaching clinics.

Medical students who have done a rural placement in northern Alberta have found it to be a rewarding experience. Students are exposed to a variety of situations that enable them to rapidly gain a true appreciation for rural medicine. Students who have worked in the north are impressed with the high standards of medicine practised in northern Alberta.

Physical Therapists — Physical therapists in northern Alberta have the flexibility of working in hospitals, health units, nursing homes and private clinics. There are only three private clinics in northern Alberta and opportunities exist to set up busy and profitable practices in many communities.

Dentists — There are a number of communities in northern Alberta that have no dental service or are underserviced. Dentists who choose to locate in the north can quickly set up profitable practices

which will offer a broad range of experience. Some communities offer significant incentives to assist dentists in establishing a clinic.

Psychologists — Very few psychologists are currently practising in northern Alberta. Opportunities exist to develop either a specialized or diverse practice, depending on your interests and skills. Practice areas include family counselling, marriage counselling, stress management, and contracting services to school boards, government agencies and private industry.

Optometrists — There is an ongoing need for optometrists in northern Alberta. Some communities are served on a part-time basis and are actively seeking individuals to establish new practices. Many existing practices can also be purchased from retiring practitioners.

Chiropractors — Chiropractors are in demand in selected areas of northern Alberta. Demand for chiropractic treatment is growing steadily. Numerous opportunities exist to build new practices or purchase existing ones.

Employment Incentives and Programs

Financial compensation for most occupations is above average and is combined with excellent employee benefit packages and incentives. Incentives are usually a function of supply and demand and are often profession-specific. The kinds of incentives vary, but may include:

- relocation assistance
- cost-of-living allowance
- interim housing
- subsidized rent/housing
- uniform allowance
- education bursaries

Some of the more commonly available incentives and programs are described below.

Northern Alberta Development Council Bursary

The Northern Alberta Development Council Student Bursary Program is designed to assist northerners and other Albertans to gain an education in professions that are in short supply in the north. In exchange for the bursary, recipients are required to live and work in the NADC region for a specified period. There is usually one year of return service required for each year of full bursary support. The maximum bursary under this program is $3000 per year.

To be eligible, students must have lived in Alberta for three years prior to applying and be enrolled in a post-secondary program. Preference is given to those students who are in the latter stages of their studies, show a commitment to future employment in northern Alberta, and demonstrate financial need or special circumstances not covered by other programs.

Information brochures on the NADC Bursary are available from awards offices at post-secondary institutions in Alberta, the NADC and the Students Finance Board. The application deadline is June 30.

Northern Alberta Development Council Bursary
Postal Bag 900-14
Peace River, Alberta T8S 1T4
Phone: (403) 624-6274

Students Finance Board
10th Floor, Baker Centre
10025-106 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1G7
Phone: (403) 427-2740 1-800-222-6485 (toll free)

Medical Professional Exposure Project

The Medical Professional Exposure Project offers grants of up to $1500 to assist medical professionals gain northern experience during training. Grants are given to students in physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and other medical support disciplines to help cover their travel costs and out-of-pocket expenses. For more information on the project, contact the Northern Alberta Development Council Bursary office at the address provided above.

Northern Tax Benefit

Individuals who live north of the 55th parallel in Alberta are eligible for the Northern Tax Benefit. The size of the deduction varies depending on whether a person's place of residence is in the intermediate zone (55° to 57.5° latitude) or the northern zone (57.5° to N.W.T. border). Residents of the northern zone may claim an income tax deduction of up to $450 a month plus additional deductions for travel. Residents of the intermediate zone receive 50% of the northern zone benefit. The following list shows the level of eligibility for northern communities with major health care facilities. Additional information on the Northern Tax Benefit can be obtained from any Revenue Canada office.

Northern Zone (100% of benefits)	**Intermediate Zone (50% of benefits)**
Chateh (Assumption)	Beaverlodge
Fort Chipewyan	Fairview
Fort Vermilion	Fort McMurray
Fox Lake	Grande Prairie
High Level	Grimshaw
	High Prairie
	Hythe
	Manning
	McLennan
	Peace River
	Slave Lake
	Spirit River
	Valleyview
	Wabasca-Desmarais

Physician Incentive Payment Program

Fee-for-service physicians residing and practising in selected communities may apply for an incentive payment based on a percentage of their annual Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan (AHCIP) billings. The maximum payment under this program is $40,000 per year. The amount that may be claimed varies depending on the location of the community, physician-to-population ratios and the number of physicians serving the area. Communities in northern Alberta that are eligible under this program are as follows:

Berwyn
Bonnyville
Cold Lake
Elk Point
Fairview
Falher
Fort Vermilion
Fox Creek
Grand Centre
Grande Cache
Grimshaw
High Level
High Prairie
Hines Creek
La Crete
Lac La Biche
Manning
McLennan
Peace River
Rainbow Lake
St. Paul
Slave Lake
Swan Hills
Valleyview
Wabasca-Desmarais
Whitecourt

For more information on the Physician Incentive Payment Program contact the Provincial Medical Consultant's Office at the following address:

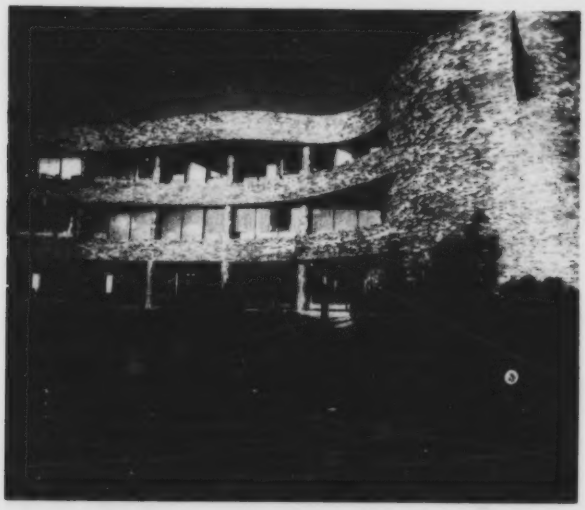
Provincial Medical Consultant's Office
Alberta Health
10025 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2N3
Phone: (403) 427-7164

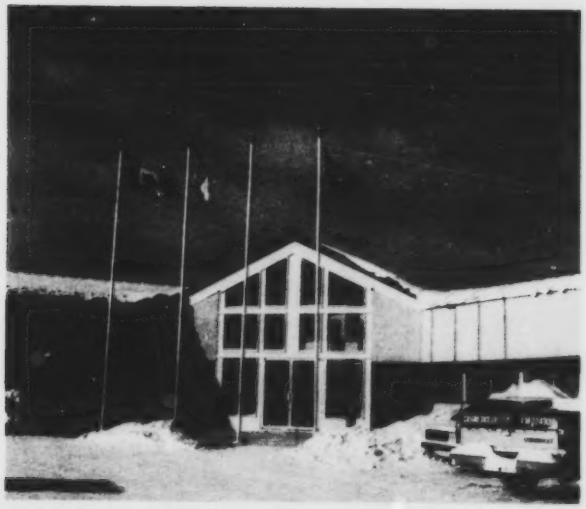
Rural Physician Action Plan

In April 1991, the Government of Alberta announced a comprehensive plan to assist in the recruitment and retention of physicians in rural communities. The plan encompasses 16 different initiatives including:

- rural rotation for medical students
- student loan remission
- continuing education for rural physicians
- temporary cover-off for rural physicians

Programs under each initiative were in the development stage when this report was being prepared (June 1991). For current information on these programs, contact the Provincial Medical Consultant's Office at the address shown above.





Northern Alberta Community Health Care Profiles

Alberta

HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL CARE

GENERAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT ——

GENERAL HOSPITAL ▪

AMBULATORY CARE FACILITY (AC)

FEDERAL NURSING STATION (FN)

Multiple facilities are indicated (2)

Community Health Care Profiles

The following section contains profiles on 31 northern Alberta communities that have either a hospital, health unit head office or nursing station. The profiles are arranged in alphabetical order. The map on page 26 shows the geographic location of the communities organized by hospital districts. A list of health care facilities is found in Table 3.

Each community profile begins with a short description of the community and a list of its recreational and cultural facilities. Information is then provided on employers of health care professionals in the community. The profiles conclude with a short list of some other major employers in the community who may have job opportunities for spouses/partners and family members.

Information contained in the community profiles was collected in the spring of 1991. Current information on a particular community or institution can be obtained by contacting the administrators and managers of the health care facilities shown in the community profiles.

Table 3
Health Care Facilities in Northern Alberta

Hospitals
Athabasca General and Auxiliary
Beaverlodge Municipal
Bonnyville Health Centre
Boyle General
Cold Lake Regional
Elk Point
Fairview General
Fort McMurray Regional
Fort Vermilion – St. Theresa General
Fox Creek
Glendon Municipal
Grande Cache General
Grande Prairie – Queen Elizabeth II
Grimshaw/Berwin and District
High Level General
High Prairie Regional Health Complex
Hythe Municipal Hospital and Nursing Home
Lac La Biche – William J. Cadzow
Manning General
McLennan – Sacred Heart Health Centre
Peace River Hospital Complex
Slave Lake General
St. Paul – St. Therese General
Spirit River – Central Peace General
Swan Hills General
Valleyview Health Centre
Wabasca-Desmarais General
Whitecourt General

Health Units
Athabasca
Fort McMurray and District
High Level/Fort Vermilion
North Eastern
Peace River
South Peace
Stony Plain/Lac Ste. Anne

Nursing Stations
Chateh – Hay Lakes
Fort Chipewyan
Fox Lake

Nursing Homes
Athabasca Extendicare Health Services Inc.
Bonnyville Extendicare Health Services Inc.
Fairview Nursing Home
Hotel-Dieu of St. Joseph Auxiliary Hospital (Whitelaw)
Grande Prairie Central Park Lodge
St. Paul Extendicare Health Services Inc.

Athabasca

Population: 1975
Location: 157 km north of Edmonton
Access: Highways #2 and #55

The Town of Athabasca is nestled among the hills along a bend in the Athabasca River. The town was originally a stepping stone to Canada's north for the early fur traders and settlers. The community has since developed into a service centre for the surrounding agricultural community. The development of the Alberta Pacific (Al-Pac) Pulp Mill 40 km east of Athabasca is expected to have a major economic impact on the town.

One of Athabasca's most valuable assets is Athabasca University. The school has an international reputation in open, distance education. It serves more then 10,000 students in communities all across Canada. The library, daycare, recreation area, and special events sponsored by the university are open to Athabasca residents.

The Athabasca Performing Arts Centre has become the focal point of a dynamic cultural community. This 280-seat multi-use theatre is a venue for two community theatre groups as well as visiting performers.

Facilities and Activities
archives
arena
ball diamonds (7)
canoeing and boating
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
golf course (9-hole)
gymnasiums (2)
hiking trails
hunting and fishing
library
performing arts centre
rodeo grounds
ski hill
snowmobiling
sports fields (4)
swimming pool (indoor)
tennis courts (2)

Recreation Areas
Calling Lake Provincial Park
Lawrence Lake Campground

Athabasca General and Auxiliary Hospital

Population served: 11,000
Facility opened: 1984
Number of beds: Acute care – 42
Long-term care – 23
Newborn bassinets – 8
Monthly activity: Inpatients –140
Outpatient visits – 1200
Deliveries – 5
Surgical procedures – 16

Active Departments

Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Long-Term Care
Medical
Obstetrics
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Radiology
Surgery

Professionals*

Anesthetist	1
General Practitioners	3
General Surgeon	1
Internal Medicine	1
Nurses	32
Dietitian	1
Laboratory Technologists	4
Pharmacist	1
Physiotherapists	2
Radiology Technologists	3

Visiting Specialists

Prosthetics
Radiologist

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Special Services

- Hospital offers a self-dialysis program
- Formal education affiliations with NAIT, AVC, Keyano College, University of Alberta, University of Calgary
- Offers rural practicum placements and electives
- Regional Laboratory affiliation with the University of Alberta Hospital Lab
- Local ALS ambulance service

Contact

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Athabasca Health Unit

Population served: 29,500
Head office: Athabasca
Regional offices: Lac La Biche
Slave Lake
District offices: Wabasca-Desmarais
Faust
Smith
Trout Lake
Peerless Lake

Health Services

Adult Health Services
Alberta Aids to Daily Living
Communicable Disease Control
Community Rehab Services
Dental Services
Early Intervention Program
Environmental Health
Geriatric Programs
Health Education/Promotion
Hereditary Disease Program
Home Care
Homemakers Service
Hospital Liaison Program
Nutrition Programs
Prenatal Classes
Preschool Screening Program
School Health Services
Sexuality Education
Speech Language Services
Well Baby and Immunization Clinics

Professionals*

Community Health Nurses	19
Home Care Nurses	18
Dental Hygienist	1
Early Intervention Program Consultant	1
Environmental Health Inspectors	3
Nutritionist	1
Sexuality Education Consultant	1
Speech Pathologists	2

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

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Extendicare Health Services Inc. (Athabasca)

Number of beds: 50

Professionals*

Nurses 4
Occupational Therapist 1
Physiotherapist 1
Recreation Therapist 1

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Alberta Family and Social Services
Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC)
Alberta Health, Mental Health
Ambulance Service
Chiropractic Clinic
Dental Clinics (3)
Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)
Medical Clinics (2)
Optometry Clinic
Retail Pharmacies (2)

Some Major Community Employers

Alberta Pacific Pulp Mill
Athabasca University
County of Athabasca #12 School Division
Nova Corporation of Alberta

Beaverlodge

Population: 1808
Location: 500 km northwest of Edmonton, 43 km east of Grande Prairie
Access: Highway #2

Located in the picturesque rolling land of the Beaverlodge Valley, the Town of Beaverlodge is a community of well-kept neighborhoods and tree-lined streets. As a service centre for a large agricultural area, the town offers grain transportation services, seed cleaning, seed production and farm related hardware. Beaverlodge is also a service centre to oil and gas companies active in the nearby Elmworth Deep Basin gas fields and is a regional centre for health care and law enforcement.

Agriculture Canada's Beaverlodge Research Station employs approximately 45 full-time staff. The station is widely recognized for its work on honey bees and saskatoon berries in addition to research on conventional crops.

An active arts community and annual participaction events are just some of many organized activities that play an important role in community life.

Facilities and Activities
arena
ball diamonds (6)
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
golf course (9-hole)
gymnasiums (2)
hunting and fishing
library
sports field
swimming pool (outdoor)
tennis courts (2)

Recreation Areas
Saskatoon Island Park

Beaverlodge Municipal Hospital

Population served: 3600
Facility opened: 1949
Renovations: Wing added 20 years ago
New laboratory and X-ray in 1988
Renovation in 1989 of physio room and improvements to original wing
Number of beds: Acute care – 30
Newborn bassinets – 7
Monthly activity: Inpatients – 85
Outpatient visits – 800
Deliveries – 5
Surgical procedures – 3

Active Departments
Coronary Care
Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Geriatrics
Medical
Obstetrics
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Radiology
Respiratory Therapy
Surgery

Professionals*

General Practitioners	3
Nurses	7
CCTs	2
Laboratory Technologist	1
Physiotherapist	1

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Visiting Specialists
Respiratory Therapist

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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Ambulance Service
Dental Clinic
Medical Clinic
Retail Pharmacy
South Peace Health Unit (district office)

Some Major Community Employers

Agriculture Canada, Beaverlodge Research Station
County of Grande Prairie #1 School Division
D. Ray Construction
Foster's Seed and Feed
IGA Supermarket
Neil's Agri Services Ltd.

Bonnyville

Population: 5575
Location: 241 km northeast of Edmonton
Access: Highway #28

The Town of Bonnyville, 'Heart of the Lakeland', is situated on the shore of Jesse Lake and is surrounded by more than 15 other lakes. Jesse Lake is home to over 300 species of birds. Nearby Moose Lake and Muriel Lake are especially popular for their sandy beaches and crystal clear waters.

Establishment of a Northwest Company fur trading outpost marked the beginning of the community some 250 years ago. Bonnyville has since become a regional centre for agriculture, commerce and tourism. The community also benefits from oil and gas developments in the area.

Bonnyville is a progressive, multi-cultural community. The first settlers were French-speaking and now many other cultural groups have joined them. This cultural diversity is reflected in local English, French and Ukrainian playschools and a variety of cultural activities.

Facilities and Activities

arena
ball diamonds (12)
bird watching
boating
bowling alley
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
fine arts centre
French Cultural Centre
golf course (9-hole)
gymkhana
gymnasiums (6)
library
rifle range
ski hill
snowmobiling
sports fields (7)
swimming pool (indoor)
tennis courts (2)

Recreation Areas

Jesse Lake Park
Moose Lake Provincial Park

Bonnyville Health Centre

Population served: 10,000
Facility opened: 1986
Number of beds: Acute care – 65
Long-term care – 30
Newborn bassinets – 12
Monthly activity: Inpatients – 120
Outpatient visits – 2500
Deliveries – 17
Surgical procedures – 26

Active Departments

Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Geriatrics
Medical
Obstetrics
Occupational Therapy
Pathology
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Radiology
Respiratory Therapy
Surgery

Professionals*

General Practitioners	4
GP/Anesthesiologists	3
Internal Medicine	1
Obstetrics/Gynecology	1
Pathologists	2
Surgeon	1
Nurses	44
CCTs	3
Dietitian	1
Laboratory Technicians	10
Occupational Therapist	1
Pharmacist	1
Physiotherapists	2
Radiology Technologists	2

Visiting Specialists

Internal Medicine
Obstetrics/Gynecology
Orthopedic Surgeon
Orthotist
Pediatrician
Radiologist
Surgeon

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

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Extendicare Health Services Inc. (Bonnyville)

Number of beds: 50

Professionals*

Nurses 5
Occupational Therapist..... 1
Recreational Therapist 1

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Alberta Health, Mental Health
Alberta Family and Social Services
Ambulance Service
Chiropractic Clinic
Dental Clinics (2)
Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)
Medical Clinics (2)
North Eastern Alberta Health Unit (district office)
Nursing Home
Optometry Clinic
Retail Pharmacies (4)

Some Major Community Employers

B & R-Eckel's Transport Ltd.
BP Resources Canada Ltd.
Canadian Forces Base Cold Lake
Esso Resources Canada Ltd.
Gen-Mec Construction Co. Ltd.
Government of Alberta (12 departments)
Lakeland Catholic School District #150
Lakeland Public School District #5460
Municipal District of Bonnyville
Town of Bonnyville

Boyle

Population: 704
Location: 160 km northeast of Edmonton
Access: Highway #63

The Village of Boyle is surrounded by five recreation lakes which make it a popular tourist destination. There are two summer villages on Skeleton Lake and weekend campers make use of the village's many facilities.

Boyle is a major grain handling centre for north central Alberta with shipments of 3.5 million bushels per year. The economy of the village will greatly benefit from the development of the Alberta Pacific Pulp Mill (Al-Pac), 42 km north of the community. Ownership of two gas wells by the village enables it to offer natural gas to its residents at very reasonable rates.

Boyle provides country living with easy access to Edmonton. Village residents take pride in their community and actively welcome newcomers.

Facilities and Activities

arena
ball diamonds (5)
bird watching
boating
camping
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
golf courses (2, 9-hole)
gymnasium
hiking trails
hunting and fishing
ski hill
snowmobiling
sports fields (3)
swimming (lake)
tennis court
water sports

Recreation Areas

Long Lake Provincial Park
North Buck Lake Recreation Area

Boyle General Hospital

Population served: 5000
Facility opened: 1965
Number of beds: Acute care – 30
Newborn bassinets – 7
Monthly activity: Inpatients – 75
Outpatient visits – 450

Active Departments
Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Medical
Obstetrics
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Radiology

Professionals*
General Practitioners 2
Nurses 7
CCTs 2
Physiotherapist 1

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Visiting Specialists
Internist
Radiologist

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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Ambulance Service
Medical Clinics (2)
Retail Pharmacy

Some Major Community Employers

Alberta Pacific Pulp Mill
Boyle Co-op Food Store & Service Centre
Boyle School
Government of Alberta (3 departments)
Government of Canada (2 departments)
Weyerhaeuser Inc.

Chateh (Assumption)

Population: 1200
Location: 900 km northwest of Edmonton, 128 km west of High Level
Access: Highway #58

Chateh, commonly referred to as Assumption, is located on the Hay Lake Reserve of the Dene Tha' Indian Band. It is one of seven reserve areas of the Dene Tha'. The tribal administration and a large part of the band's population are located in Assumption.

Trapping, commercial fishing and big-game hunting are a source of income for many residents. The oil and gas industry plays a role in the local economy by providing employment and royalties to the band. One local company employs residents in road work, and seismic line cutting activities.

Moose are the most abundant big game animals in the region with woodland caribou, black bears and deer present. Nearby Hay Lake is internationally known as a staging ground for Canada and Snow Geese.

Facilities and Activities

ball diamond
cross-country skiing
gymnasium
hunting and fishing
outdoor rink
playground
snowmobiling

Hay Lakes Nursing Station

Population served: 1000
Facility opened: 1988
Holding beds: Adult patient, incubator, bassinet, crib

Health Services
Maternal and child care
Adult health services
School health programs
Chronic disease in the elderly
Communicable disease prevention

Professionals*
Nurses 4

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Visiting Specialists
Physicians visit from High Level and Fort Vermilion

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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Dene Tha' Counselling Services (National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program)

Some Major Community Employers

Dene Tha' Community School
Dene Tha' Construction Ltd.
Dene Tha' Tribal Administration

Cold Lake — Grand Centre — Medley

Population: 3604 (Cold Lake)
3715 (Grand Centre)
6500 (Medley)
Location: 300 km northeast of Edmonton
Access: Highway #28, daily commercial air service (Cold Lake)

Cold Lake, Grand Centre and Medley (CFB Cold Lake) are three closely linked communities located within a 10 km radius of one another. Their combined population is approximately 13,000.

The Town of Cold Lake is located on the shores of one of Alberta's most scenic lakes. The lake supports some of the best sailing in Alberta and has a 151-berth marina to accommodate boating enthusiasts. The region has many crystal clear lakes with stocks of lake trout, northern pike, perch and walleye. These lakes also provide a setting for water sports and uncrowded outdoor experiences.

The major contributors to the economies of the three communities are the armed forces, oil and gas, and agriculture. CFB Cold Lake is an important aviation training facility for Canada's Armed Forces. The changing personnel at the base bring with them new ideas and energy that add both vigor and stability to the three communities.

Facilities and Activities

arenas (3)
ball diamonds (8)
boating
bowling alley
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
golf course (9-hole)
gymnasiums (3)
hunting and fishing
libraries (2)
marina
racquetball and squash courts
rodeo grounds
ski hill
sports fields (7)
swimming (lake)
tennis courts (7)
water sports

Recreation Areas

Cold Lake Provincial Park
Kinosoo Beach
Kinosoo Ridge Ski Area

Cold Lake Regional Hospital

Population served: 19,000
Facility opened: 1987
Number of beds: Acute care – 50 (100 available)
Long-term care – 25 (50 available)
Newborn bassinets – 16
Monthly activity: Inpatients – 200
Outpatient visits – 2400
Deliveries – 30
Surgical procedures – 60

Active Departments

Coronary Care
Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Geriatrics
Medical
Obstetrics
Occupational Therapy
Pathology
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Radiology
Recreation Therapy
Respiratory Therapy
Surgery
Ultrasound

Professionals*

General Practitioners	7
GP/Anesthesiologist	1
General Surgeon	1
Internist	1
Obstetrics/Gynecology	1
Pathologist (shared)	1
Nurses	33
Dietitian	1
Laboratory Technologists	6
Occupational Therapist	1
Pharmacist	1
Physiotherapists	3
Radiology Technologists	5
Respiratory Therapist	1

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Special Services

- Five specialists practise out of this central location to provide referral services to the region.

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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission
Alberta Family and Social Services
Alberta Health, Mental Health
Ambulance Service
Chiropractic Clinic
Dental Clinics (2)
North Eastern Alberta Health Unit Medical Clinics (2)
Retail Pharmacies (3)

Some Major Community Employers

Esso Resources Canada Ltd.
Government of Canada (4 departments)
Government of Alberta (9 departments)
Lakeland College
Lakeland Public School District #5460
Lakeland Catholic School District #150

Elk Point

Population: 1391
Location: 257 km northeast of Edmonton
Access: Highway #41

The Town of Elk Point is located in an area rich in history dating back over two centuries. Eleven miles southeast of the town are two provincial historic sites: the Hudson's Bay Company's Buckingham House and the Northwest Company's Fort George. The community has depicted its historic past in large murals on display in a local park.

Elk Point provides commercial and retail services to the surrounding agricultural community as well as to the oil and gas industry. An important part of the town's economic base is the Canadian Salt Company. It is estimated that there are enough reserves in local salt beds to last Canada for 2000 years.

The oil industry has been a major impetus for growth in recent years. It has brought many professionals and their families to the community. Residents enjoy easy access to nearby recreation areas and parks.

Facilities and Activities

arena
ball diamonds (6)
band shell
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
golf course (9-hole)
gymnasiums (3)
hiking trails
library
museum
boating
hunting and fishing
sports fields (2)
swimming (lake)

Recreation Areas

Elks Wilderness Park
Kehewin Recreation Area
Whitney Lakes Provincial Park

Elk Point Hospital

Population served: 6,000
Facility opened: 1976
Expansion: A new wing to house a long-term care unit (with 20 additional beds)
Number of beds: Acute care – 32
Long-term care – 10
Newborn bassinets – 4
Monthly activity: Inpatients – 95
Outpatient visits – 1500
Deliveries – 5

Active Departments

Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Geriatrics
Medical
Obstetrics
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Radiology
Respiratory Therapy
Surgery

Professionals*

General Practitioners	4
Nurses	16
CCTs	3
Dietitian	1
Pharmacist	1
Physiotherapist	1

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Visiting Specialists

Pathologist
Respiratory Therapist

Special Services

- Cardiac rehabilitation provided by RNs.
- Diabetic services — all new diabetics receive instruction and weekly follow-up service provided by dietitian and RNs.

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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Ambulance Service
Dental Clinic
Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)
Medical Clinics (2)
North Eastern Alberta Health Unit (district office)
Retail Pharmacy

Some Major Community Employers

Amoco Canada Ltd.
Canadian Salt Company Ltd.
Elk Point Truss Ltd.
Murphy Oil Company Ltd.
Norcen Energy Resources Ltd.
Pan Canadian Petroleum Ltd.

Fairview

Population: 3281
Location: 564 km northwest of Edmonton, 82 km southwest of Peace River, 115 km north of Grande Prairie
Access: Highway #2

The Town of Fairview, 'Heart of the Peace', is a major agricultural centre for the Peace Country. The town's economy is based on agriculture, natural gas, forestry, mining (sand/gravel), tourism and education.

The community is home to Fairview College which provides advanced education programs to people throughout northwest Alberta. The college offers western Canada's only turfgrass management course and is internationally recognized for its beekeeping program.

Historic Fort Dunvegan is 28 km southwest of Fairview on the banks of the Peace River. The original buildings have been restored and the site provides a glimpse into the lives of early missionaries and fur traders.

Fairview residents are proud of the community's well-kept residential areas as well as its thriving business core. A new recreation and cultural centre will soon provide a venue for a local theatre group and visiting performers.

Facilities and Activities

arena
ball diamonds (5)
bowling alley
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
golf course (9-hole)
gymnasiums (4)
library
movie theatre
museum
ski hill
racquetball and squash courts
sports fields (2)
swimming pool (outdoor)
tennis courts (2)

Recreation Areas

Cummings Lake
Historic Dunvegan

Fairview General Hospital

Population served: 12,000 – 15,000
Facility opened: 1977
Number of beds: Acute care – 50
Newborn bassinets – 10
Monthly activity: Inpatients – 140
Outpatient visits – 2000
Deliveries – 10
Surgical procedures – 20

Active Departments
Coronary Care
Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Medical
Obstetrics
Occupational Therapy
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Psychiatric Therapy
Radiology
Surgery

Professionals*
General Practitioners 6
General Nurses 20
Dietitian 1
Laboratory Technologists 3
Pharmacist 1
Physiotherapists 2
Radiology Technologists 3

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Visiting Specialists
Optometrist
Psychiatrist
Radiologist

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Fairview Nursing Home

Number of beds: 40

Professionals
Nurses 5
Recreational Therapist 1
Occupational Therapist 1
Physical Therapist 1
Clinical Nutritionist 1

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Hotel-Dieu of St. Joseph Auxiliary Hospital (Whitelaw)

Number of beds: 35
New facility: Will be relocated from Whitelaw to a new facility in the Town of Fairview in 1992.

Professionals*

Nurses 6

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Ambulance Service
Chiropractic Clinic
Dental Clinics (2)
Medical Clinics (4)
Optometry Clinic
Peace River Health Unit (district office)
Retail Pharmacies (3)

Some Major Community Employers

Fairview College
Fairview School Division #50
Government of Alberta (9 departments)
Nova Corporation

Fort Chipewyan

Population: 1100
Location: northwestern tip of Lake Athabasca, approximately 225 air km north of Fort McMurray and 610 air km northeast of Edmonton
Access: winter road from Fort Smith, Northwest Territories (140 km) and Fort McMurray (220 km); year-round air access

The Hamlet of Fort Chipewyan is located next to Lake Athabasca at the mouth of the Athabasca River Delta. It is the only community in Alberta situated on the Canadian Shield. The community was originally established as a fur trading post in 1788 and is Alberta's oldest continuous settlement. Its population is made up of four distinct groups: Cree Indians, Athabasca-Chipewyan Indians, Metis and non-natives.

The community's economy has traditionally depended on trapping, commercial fishing and government services. Local residents are now working to develop a tourism industry by promoting the delta area, local fishing lakes and nearby Wood Buffalo National Park.

The residents have a positive attitude about the potential of their community and work closely with one another on community development projects.

Facilities and Activities
ball diamonds (3)
boating
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
hiking trails
hunting and fishing
skating rink (outdoor)

Recreation Areas
Lakeshore Park
Wood Buffalo National Park

Fort Chipewyan Nursing Station

Population served: 1200
Facility opened: 1977
Holding beds: Adult patient, incubator, bassinet, crib

Health Services
Adult Health Services
Chronic Disease in the Elderly
Communicable Disease Prevention
Maternal and Child Care
School Health Programs

Professionals*
Nurses 5

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Visiting Specialists
Physicians fly in from Fort McMurray

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Some Major Community Employers

Athabasca Delta Community School
Cree Chip Development Corporation
Family and Community Support Services
Fort Chipewyan Lodge
Government of Alberta (7 departments)
Government of Canada (4 departments)
Negyan Development Corporation
Northern Stores

Fort McMurray

Population: 33,698
Location: 440 km northeast of Edmonton
Access: Highway #63, daily commercial air service

Fort McMurray is a world centre for oil sands development. The city has attracted people from all over the world and has a cosmopolitan flavor in its cultural, ethnic and business make-up. Its geographic location has led to the development of a 'self-contained community' that caters to its young population.

Keyano College and Cultural Centre plays an important part in community life. The college offers advanced education programs for residents of northeast Alberta. The 600-seat Keyano Theatre attracts high-calibre international entertainment to the community. Another facility of note is the Oil Sands Interpretive Centre, a combination museum, science centre and historic site which attracts 60,000 visitors annually.

Fort McMurray boasts dozens of sports teams, cultural and charitable organizations, professional associations, service clubs and civic betterment groups. Residents enjoy the benefits of living in a prosperous urban centre with the convenience and relaxed lifestyle of a small community.

Facilities and Activities

archery range
arenas (3)
auto/motorcycle race track
ball diamonds (29)
cross-country ski trails
cultural centre and theatre
curling rink
golf courses (2, 18-hole)
gymnasiums (23)
hunting and fishing
library
movie theatres
museums
Oil Sands Interpretive Centre
racquetball and squash courts
rifle/trap range
rugby pitch
ski hill
snowmobiling
sports fields (2)
swimming pools (2-indoor)
tennis courts (27)

Recreation Areas

Centennial Park
Grayling Creek Park
Gregoire Lake Provincial Park

Fort McMurray Regional Hospital

Population served: 50,000
Facility opened: 1981
Number of beds: Acute care – 142
Newborn bassinets – 24
Monthly activity: Inpatients – 400
Outpatient visits – 3690
Deliveries – 65
Surgical procedures – 240

Active Departments

Coronary Care (ICU)
Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Medical
Obstetrics
Occupational Therapy
Pathology
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Psychiatric Therapy
Radiology
Recreation Therapy
Respiratory Therapy
Surgery
Ultrasound

Professionals*

General Practitioners	22
Anesthetists	2
General Surgeons	2
Internists	2
Obstetricians	2
Orthopedic Surgeons	2
Pathologist	1
Pediatricians	2
Psychiatrists	2
Radiologists	2
Nurses	150
Dietitian	1
Laboratory Technologists	18
Occupational Therapists	3
Pharmacists	4
Physiotherapists	4
Radiology Technologists	10
Recreational Therapist	1
Respiratory Therapists	5
Social Worker	1

Visiting Specialists

Arthritis and Rheumatology
Cardiologist: Adult/Pediatric
Dermatologist
Gynecologist
Oncologist
Ophthalmologist
Otolaryngologist
Pediatric Orthopedics
Pediatric Pulmonary & Cystic Fibrosis

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Special Services

- Full diagnostic services including CT Scanner
- 7-bed ICU
- Psychiatric outpatient program with hospital and Alberta Mental Health called Venture
- Native liaison program
- Air Medivac
- Clinical centre for training of nurses in programs at U of A, Royal Alexandra Hospital and Grant MacEwan Community College
- Patient classification computer system
- Day centre for long-term care patients on an inpatient and outpatient basis
- Labor, Delivery, Recovering, Post Partum (LDRP) concept is used in the 20-bed obstetrics unit
- Chemotherapy

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Fort McMurray and District Health Unit

Population served: 40,000
Head office: Fort McMurray

Health Services

Adult Health Services
Alberta Aids to Daily Living
Audiology Program
Communicable Disease Control
Community Rehab Services
Dental Services
Early Intervention Program
Environmental Health
Geriatric Programs
Health Education/Promotion
Hereditary Disease Program
Home Care
Homemakers Service
Hospital Liaison
Nutrition Programs
Prenatal Classes
Reproductive Health and Family Planning
School Health Services
Services to Day Care and Nursery schools
Speech Language Services
Teen Health Services
Well Baby and Immunization Clinics

Professionals*

Community Health Nurses . . 21
Home Care Nurses 9
Public Health Inspectors 2
Speech Pathologists 2

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Special Services

- Teen Health Services — an innovative program for reproductive health and birth control counselling
- Well Seniors Program — preventive health care rather than home care

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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC)
Alberta Family and Social Services
Alberta Health, Mental Health
Ambulance Service
Chiropractic Clinics (2)
Dental Clinics (7)
Family and Community Support Services (FCSS Fort McMurray)
Medical Clinics (11)
Medical Specialist Clinics (2)
Optometry Clinics (3)
Physical Therapy Clinics (2)
Psychology Clinics (2)
Retail Pharmacies (5)
X-Ray Clinics (2)

Some Major Community Employers

Catalytic Maintenance Inc.
Ceda-Reactor Ltd.
City of Fort McMurray
Fort McMurray Public School District
Fort McMurray *Today*
Fort McMurray Roman Catholic Separate School
Government of Alberta (20 departments)
Government of Canada (8 departments)
Keyano College
Northland Forest Products Ltd.
Suncor Inc.
Syncrude Canada Ltd.

Fort Vermilion

Population: 831
Location: 800 km northwest of Edmonton, 80 km east of High Level
Access: Highway #88

The Hamlet of Fort Vermilion, located on the south bank of the Peace River, is central to a large farming and forestry area. Long summer days allow crops and gardens to thrive in this most northerly farming area in Canada. The oil and gas industry also plays an important part in the local economy. The community has a good selection of commercial and retail establishments and provides medical and educational services for a local population of 2500.

Only a fraction of the more than 300 lakes in the vicinity of Fort Vermilion are accessible by road. The area offers excellent opportunities for experiencing untouched northern wilderness. Wadlin Lake near Fort Vermilion is home to one of only four White Pelican colonies in Alberta.

Established in 1788, Fort Vermilion is one of Alberta's oldest European settlements. Many residents have spent their lives here and have strong family ties to the region.

Facilities and Activities

arena
ball diamond
boating
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
dog sledding
gymnasiums (2)
hunting and fishing
library
snowmobiling
sports field
swimming (lake)

Recreation Areas

Wadlin Lake

St. Theresa General Hospital

Population served: 7500
Facility opened: 1983
Number of beds: Acute care – 36
Newborn bassinets – 5
Monthly activity: Inpatients – 200
Outpatient visits – 950
Deliveries – 14

Active Departments
Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Geriatrics
Medical
Obstetrics
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Radiology

Professionals*
General Practitioner 1
GP/Anesthetists 2
GP/Surgeon 2
Nurses 18
CCTs 4
Laboratory Technologist 1
Physiotherapist 1

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Visiting Specialists
Provided through High Level General Hospital

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High Level Community Health Centre
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High Level, Alberta
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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Air Ambulance Service
Ambulance Service
Dental Clinic
High Level/Fort Vermilion Health Unit (district office)
Medical Clinic
Mental Health, Northwestern Health and Social Services Board

Some Major Community Employers

Fort Vermilion Agriculture Research Station (Agriculture Canada)
Fort Vermilion School Division #52
Government of Alberta (7 departments)
Northern Stores
Ward's Farm Equipment

Fox Creek

Population: 2068
Location: 251 km northwest of Edmonton, 74 km northwest of Whitecourt
Access: Highway #43

In the past 30 years, residents of the Town of Fox Creek have built a prosperous community based on forestry, and oil and gas. There are four major gas plants in the region which support local businesses involved in oilfield construction and well-servicing. Fox Creek has a full range of other industrial services and is also home to the regional headquarters for Alberta Transportation and Utilities, and Alberta Forest Service.

Located in the rolling forest country between the Athabasca and Little Smoky Rivers, residents of Fox Creek enjoy easy access to many nearby lakes and recreation areas. There are more than 45 different clubs and organizations in the community, ranging from archery to live theatre.

Fox Creek is a young community with a predominance of young families. There is a particular emphasis on ensuring that children grow up in a safe and healthy environment.

Facilities and Activities

arena
arts and crafts centre
ball diamonds (5)
BMX/Motocross trails
boating
cross-country ski trails
golf course (9-hole)
gymnasiums (2)
hunting and fishing
library
live community theatre
riding stables
rifle range
rodeo grounds
snowmobiling
sports fields (2)
swimming pool (outdoor)
teen centre
tennis courts (2)

Recreation Areas

Carson-Pegasus Provincial Park
Iosegun Lake
Smoke Lake

Fox Creek Hospital

Population served: 2500
Facility opened: 1982
Number of beds: Acute care — 10
Monthly activity: Inpatients — 20
Outpatient visits — 300
Deliveries — 2

Active Departments

Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Medical
Obstetrics
Pediatrics
Physical Therapy
Radiology

Professionals*

General Practitioners 2
Nurses 5
Physiotherapist 1
CCTs 2

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Contact

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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Ambulance Service
Dental Clinic
Medical Clinic
Retail Pharmacy
Stony Plain/Lac Ste. Anne Health Unit (district office)

Some Major Community Employers

Amoco Canada Petroleum Ltd.
Chevron Canada Resources Ltd.
Government of Alberta (4 departments)
Kodiac Oilfield Services Ltd.
Marnevic Construction Ltd.
Moftowich Lumber Ltd.
Petro-Canada Resources

Fox Lake

Population: 1000
Location: 800 air km north of Edmonton, 114 air km east of Fort Vermilion
Access: air access only (charter service)

Fox Lake is one of two reserves of the Little Red River Band. Band members have ancestral ties to the Woodland and the Bigstone Cree Indians living in Wabasca. The band signed Treaty #8 in 1899 and the land was surveyed and apportioned in 1909/10.

The people of the community are friendly. Most continue the traditional occupations of hunting and trapping. Fire-fighting and forestry work provide seasonal employment for some band members. Band administration and health and educational services are other sources of local employment.

Fox Lake offers a challenging environment for health care nurses to gain experience in outpost setting. Nurses are responsible for education and disease prevention, physical assessments, diagnosis, treatment, referrals, and patient stabilization and evacuation.

Facilities and Activities

ball diamond
cultural centre
gymnasium
hunting and fishing

Fox Lake Nursing Station

Population served: 800
Facility opened: 1977
Holding beds: Adult patient, incubator, bassinet, crib

Health Services
Adult Health Services
Chronic Disease in the Elderly
Communicable Disease Prevention
Maternal and Child Care
School Health Programs

Professionals*
Nurses 3

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Visiting Specialists
Physicians visit from High Level and Fort Vermilion.

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Some Major Community Employers

Jean-Baptiste Sewepagaham School
Little Red River Band
Northern Stores

Glendon

Population: 480
Location: 206 km northeast of Edmonton, 49 km west of Bonnyville, 45 km north of St. Paul
Access: Highways #28a and #882

The Village of Glendon is an active service centre for a large mixed farming area. More than 20 businesses provide services ranging from farm and building supplies to beauty and pharmaceutical needs.

Glendon is surrounded by many beautiful recreation and trophy fishing lakes. Minnie Lake, which is only five kilometres from the village, is a popular recreation and camping area. Catches of large pike, walleye, perch and whitefish attract fishermen summer and winter.

Many community residents are retired farmers who enjoy the amenities of the village in a setting with a rural flavor. The village also has a large number of young families who actively participate in family events and organized team sports.

Facilities and Activities
arena
ball diamonds (2)
boating/sailing
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
hunting and fishing
senior citizens centre
swimming (lake)
water sports

Recreation Areas
Minnie Lake
Moose Lake Provincial Park

Glendon Municipal Hospital

Population served: 3000
Facility opened: 1982
Number of beds: Acute care – 12
Monthly activity: Inpatients – 6
Outpatient visits – 500

Active Departments
Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Geriatrics
Medical
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Radiology
Surgery

Professionals*
General Practitioner 1
Nurses 7
CCTs 2

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Visiting Specialists
Geriatrics
Pathologist

Special Services
- North Eastern Alberta Health Unit provides home care and monthly immunization clinics out of part-time office in hospital

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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Ambulance Service
Medical Clinic
Retail Pharmacy

Some Major Community Employers

Lakeland School Division
Super A Supermarket
UFA Co-op Ltd.

Grande Cache

Population: 3654
Location: 440 km west of Edmonton, 181 km south of Grande Prairie
Access: Highway #40, municipal airport (charter service)

The Town of Grande Cache is situated on the eastern slopes of the Canadian Rockies bordering Willmore Wilderness Park. The community is surrounded by the natural beauty of the mountains, yet enjoys moderate temperatures and frequent chinooks (warm winter winds). This wilderness setting offers outdoor enthusiasts close proximity and easy access to dozens of rivers and streams and a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities.

The economy of Grande Cache is based on coal mining, forestry and power generation. There is also a provincial medium security corrections centre near the community.

Grande Cache was built in 1969 to accommodate development of the Smoky River Coal Mine. The town's many modern facilities reflect its relatively short history. Residents have worked to maintain the natural and unspoiled scenic environment of the area. It is not unusual to see deer and elk within the town boundaries.

Facilities and Activities

arena
ball diamonds (7)
BMX track
boating
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
golf course (9-hole)
gymnasiums
hang gliding
hiking trails
horseback riding
hunting and fishing
library
rifle range
ski hill
sports field
swimming pool (indoor)
tennis courts (2)

Recreation Areas

Pierre Grey Lakes
William A. Switzer Park
Willmore Wilderness Park

Grande Cache General Hospital

Population served: 3700
Facility opened: 1970
Number of beds: Acute care – 31
Newborn bassinets – 7
Monthly activity: Inpatients – 12
Outpatient visits – 750
Deliveries – 5
Surgical procedures – 18

Active Departments
Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Medical
Obstetrics
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Radiology
Surgery

Professionals*
General Practitioners 5
Nurses 15
Dietitian 1
Laboratory Technologists 3
Physiotherapist 1
Radiology Technologists 2

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC)
Alberta Family and Social Services
Alberta Health, Mental Health
Alberta West Central Health Unit (district office)
Ambulance Service
Dental Clinic
Family and Community Support Services
Medical Clinics (2)
Retail Pharmacy

Some Major Community Employers

Alberta Government Telephones
Alberta Power
Government of Alberta (8 departments)
Grande Cache Correctional Centre
Grande Cache Forest Industries
Grande Cache School District #5258
Smoky River Coal
Town of Grande Cache

Grande Prairie

Population: 27,558
Location: 460 km northwest of Edmonton
Access: Highways #2, #34, and #40; daily scheduled commercial air service

The City of Grande Prairie is located in a major farming region near the foothills of the Canadian Rockies. A solid economy based on forestry, oil and gas, agriculture, manufacturing, retail trade and government services has made the city a regional centre for more than 100,000 people. The pride of Grande Prairie is its diverse cultural, educational and recreational facilities.

A thriving arts community forms the nucleus of support for two performing arts theatres, an art gallery and a local art centre. The city also affords a chance to participate in many seasonal and year round sports and recreation activities. Those who are interested in bird watching will enjoy seeing Trumpeter Swans that nest on the nearby lakes.

Grande Prairie Regional College offers certificate, diploma and university transfer courses to more than 1400 full-time and 400 part-time students. The 487-seat theatre at the college attracts internationally recognized performers.

Facilities and Activities

arenas (2)
art gallery
ball diamonds (41)
bowling alleys (2)
bowling greens
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
golf courses (3, 18-hole)
gymnasiums (15)
hiking trails
hot air ballooning
hunting and fishing
library
live theatre
movie theatres
museum
outdoor stages
racquetball and squash courts
rifle and archery ranges
sports fields (9)
swimming pools (indoor and outdoor)
tennis courts (17)

Recreation Areas

Muskoseepi Park
O'Brien Provincial Park
Saskatoon Island Park

Queen Elizabeth II Hospital

Population served: 100,000
Facility opened: 1984
Expansion: Mackenzie Place long-term care facility opened in 1986
Number of beds: Acute care – 250
Long-term care – 150
Newborn bassinets – 29
Monthly activity: Inpatients – 5060
Outpatient visits – 8943
Deliveries – 76
Surgical procedures – 402

Active Departments

Ambulance Service
Cancer Clinic
Clinical Laboratory
Computerized Tomography
Emergency
Geriatrics
ICU/CCU
Medical
Music Therapy
Nuclear Medicine
Obstetrics
Occupational Therapy
Operating/Recovery Room
Pathology
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Psychiatric Therapy
Radiology
Recreation Therapy
Respiratory Therapy
Social Work
Speech Therapy
Surgery
Ultrasound

Professionals*

General Practitioners	32
General Surgeons	3
Ear, Nose and Throat	1
Internal Medicine	2
Obstetrics/Gynecology	2
Ophthalmologists	2
Orthopedic Surgeons	2
Pathologists	2
Pediatrician	1
Psychiatrists	4
Radiologists	4
Urologists	2
General Nurses	184
Management Nurses	32
Psychiatric Nurses	13
Clinical Psychologist	1
Comp. Tomography Techs	3
Dietitians	3
Laboratory Technologists	26
Music Therapist	1
Nuclear Medicine Techs	2
Occupational Therapists	9
Paramedics	15
Pharmacists	7
Physiotherapists	12
Radiology Technologists	9
Recreation Therapists	4
Respiratory Therapists	7
Social Workers	4
Speech Pathologist	1
Ultrasound Technologists	3

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Visiting Specialists

Dermatologist
Ear, Nose and Throat
Geriatric Medicine
Pediatric Cardiologist
Rheumatologist

Special Services

- Sophisticated regional health care facility serving the northwest region of Alberta and northeastern British Columbia
- Integrated auxiliary and nursing home facility — one of the few in Canada
- Telemetry beds — the ICU and telemetry beds have a computerized communication system
- Pharmacy does IV medicine preparation and has an IV Additive Program and Unit Dose System
- Radiology offers full diagnostic services including computerized tomography, angiography, fluoroscopy, nuclear medicine and mammography
- Music therapy — unique in Alberta
- Total Prenatal Nutrition
- Rehabilitation component in long-term care
- Follow-up chemotherapy through Cross Cancer Institute
- Ambulance services — Advanced Life Support Course offered in-house to develop these skills
- Regional Laboratory Service
- Full-time Chaplain on staff
- Surgical units — orthopedic and urology

Contact

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South Peace Health Unit

Population served: 59,000
Head office: Grande Prairie
District offices: Valleyview
Spirit River
Beaverlodge

Health Services

Adult Health Services
Alberta Aids to Daily Living
Audiology Program
Communicable Disease Control
Community Rehab Services
Dental Services
Environmental Health
Health Education/Promotion
Hereditary Disease Program
Home Care
Homemakers Service
Hospital Liaison
Infant Car Seat Rental
Nutrition Programs
Pregnancy Tests
Prenatal Classes
Preschool Screening Program
Preventive Dental Program
Reproductive Health/Sexual Health
Safe Food Services Courses
School Health Services
Seniors Wellness Programs
Services to Day Care and Nursery Schools
Speech Language Services
Well Child and Immunization Clinics

Professionals*

Dietitian	1
Medical Officer (Physician)	1
Community Health Nurses	20
Home Care Nurses	16
Dental Hygienist	1
Dental Officer (Dentist)	1
Health Inspectors	4
Health Promotion Co-ordinator	1
Intra-oral Dental Assistants	3
Audiologist	1
Occupational Therapists	3
Physiotherapists	1
Sexual Health	2
Speech/Language Pathologists	6

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Special Services

- Healthy Eating Supermarket Focus
- Senior Wellness Clinics
- Sexuality Health has a well established program which includes education, counselling and consultations for individuals or groups
- Speech/Language Pathology offers parent-training for preschool clients and school-based services

Contact

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South Peace Health Unit
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Grande Prairie Care Centre

Number of beds: 60

Professionals

Nurses 5
Occupational Therapist 1
Recreation Therapist 1

Contact

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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC)
Alberta Family and Social Services
Alberta Health, Mental Health
Ambulance Service
Chiropractic Clinics (5)
Dental Clinics (8)
Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)
Medical Clinics (7)
Optometry Clinics (4)
Physical Therapy Clinic
Psychologist Clinics (2)
Retail Pharmacies (11)

Some Major Community Employers

Canadian Forest Products
City of Grande Prairie
Government of Alberta (23 departments)
Government of Canada (8 departments)
Grande Prairie Regional College
Grande Prairie School District #2357
Procter and Gamble Cellulose Ltd.
Swan Industries

Grimshaw

Population: 2753
Location: 513 km northwest of Edmonton
Access: Highways #2 and #35

The Town of Grimshaw is centrally located in the Peace River region and is surrounded by productive farmland, conventional oil and gas fields, heavy oil deposits, and vast forest resources. The community is an important grain handling centre with annual shipments of 42 000 tonnes of wheat, barley and canola. The town's economy also benefits from its close proximity to the Peace River Pulp Mill and Shell Canada's Peace River heavy oil complex.

Grimshaw is an important road transportation centre for Canada's north owing to its strategic location at Mile Zero of the Mackenzie Highway. In anticipation of continued growth, the community has been planned so that all homes are close to open areas, parks, schools, and retail services.

Residents of Grimshaw enjoy a wide assortment of social, cultural and recreational programs and events. These are complemented by the activities of more than 40 community clubs, organizations and associations.

Facilities and Activities

arena
ball diamonds (6)
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
golf course (9-hole)
gymnasiums (3)
hiking trails
hunting and fishing
library
live theatre
museum
sports fields (2)
swimming pool (outdoor)
tennis courts (2)
water sports

Recreation Areas

Queen Elizabeth Provincial Park

Grimshaw/Berwyn and District Hospital

Population served: 6500
Facility opened: 1984
Number of beds: Acute care – 25
Newborn bassinets – 4
Monthly activity: Inpatients – 100
Outpatient visits – 1200
Deliveries – 4
Surgical procedures – 20

Active Departments
Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Medical
Obstetrics
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Radiology
Surgery

Professionals*
General Practitioners 4
Nurses 12
CCTs 2
Laboratory Technologists 2
Radiology Technologist 1

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Visiting Specialists
Geriatric Medicine
Pathologist
Psychiatrist
Radiologist

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Grimshaw/Berwyn and District Hospital
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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Ambulance Service
Medical Clinic
Optometry Clinic
Retail Pharmacy

Some Major Community Employers

D.B. King Construction
Estabrook Construction Ltd.
Government of Alberta (5 departments)
Grimshaw Super A Foods
K.T.L. Trucking (Oilfield Hauling)
Mile Zero Motor Inn
Town of Grimshaw

High Level

Population: 3004
Location: 782 km northwest of Edmonton, 296 km north of Peace River
Access: Highway #35, daily commercial air service

The Town of High Level has established itself as an industrial, retail, professional and government service centre for the northwest corner of Alberta. Approximately 220 businesses serve a trading population of more than 15,000.

The community has the distinction of being the distribution centre for Canada's most northerly farming area. Grain shipments average more than 100 000 tonnes per year and there is potential for further expansion in agricultural production.

A strong oil and gas service sector has grown in response to development at Rainbow Lake, Zama, and Virgo. The region accounts for over 10% of Alberta's oil reserves. Extensive logging and sawmill operations are important components of the economy.

The town has matured from a resource town to a stable family-oriented community. The residents of High Level have a strong sense of community pride and are actively involved in numerous community improvement projects.

Facilities and Activities

arena
ball diamonds (4)
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
golf course (9-hole)
gymnasiums (3)
hiking trails
library
rodeo grounds
sports fields (2)
swimming pool (outdoor)
hunting and fishing
snowmobiling
tennis courts (3)

Recreation Areas

Hutch Lake Recreation Area

High Level General Hospital

Population served: 7500
Facility opened: 1973
Renovations: Renovations and lab expansion in 1989
Number of beds: Acute care – 25
Newborn bassinets – 10
Monthly activity: Inpatients – 160
Outpatient visits – 700
Deliveries – 25
Surgical procedures – 20

Active Departments

Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Geriatrics
Medical
Obstetrics
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Radiology
Surgery
Ultrasound

Professionals*

General Practitioners	4
GP/Anesthetists	2
GP/Surgeon	2
Nurses	12
CCTs	3
Laboratory Technologist	1
Pharmacist	1
Radiology Technologist	1

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Visiting Specialists

Cardiologist
Ear, Nose and Throat
Internal Medicine
Obstetrics/Gynecologist
Pediatric Cardiologist
Radiologist
Ultrasound

Contact

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High Level / Fort Vermilion Health Unit

Population served: 15,000
Head office: High Level
District offices: Fort Vermilion
La Crete
Rainbow Lake

Health Services

Adult Health Services
Alberta Aids to Daily Living
Communicable Disease Control
Dental Services
Environmental Health
Geriatric Programs
Hereditary Disease Program
Home Care
Homemakers Service
Outpatient Services (Rainbow Lake)
Prenatal Classes
Preschool Screening Program
Reproductive Health and Family Planning
School Health Services
Speech Language Services
Well Baby and Immunization Clinics

Professionals*

Nurses 19
Health Inspector 1
Speech Pathologists 2

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC)
Alberta Family and Social Services
Ambulance Service
Dental Clinics (2) (includes U of A mobile dental unit)
Family and Community Support Services
Medical Clinic
Mental Health, Northwestern Health and Social Services
Optometry Clinic
Retail Pharmacy

Some Major Community Employers

Fort Vermilion School Division
Government of Alberta (10 departments)
High Level Forest Products Ltd.
Town of High Level

High Prairie

Population: 2817
Location: 364 km northwest of Edmonton
Access: Highway #2

The Town of High Prairie is a multi-cultural community situated at the west end of Lesser Slave Lake in a transition zone between forests and farmland. Because of its location, the town's character has been shaped by farmers, oil workers, forestry workers and commercial fishermen. The community is a regional service centre for approximately 15,000 people.

Lesser Slave Lake has developed into a popular summer retreat for many Albertans. Cottages, campgrounds and a marina are all part of a plan to increase access to the wide sandy beaches and warm shallow waters of the lake. A major summer event is the annual Golden Walleye Fishing Classic, the largest of its kind in Canada.

The main campus for Alberta Vocational College Lesser Slave Lake, is located in nearby Grouard. The college provides academic programs from basic literacy to first-year university transfer courses.

Facilities and Activities

arena
ball diamonds (10)
bowling alley
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
golf course (9-hole)
gymnasiums (4)
hiking trails
hunting and fishing
library
live theatre
movie theatre
museum
rifle range
rodeo grounds
snowmobiling
sports fields (7)
swimming pool (outdoor)
tennis courts (2)

Recreation Areas

Hilliard's Bay Provincial Park
Winagami Lake Provincial Park

High Prairie Regional Health Complex

Population served: 9000
Facility opened: 1962
Expansion: Nursing home built in 1966
New addition to hospital facility in 1978
Number of beds: Acute care – 75
Newborn bassinets – 16
Hostel beds – 8
Monthly activity: Inpatients – 250
Outpatient visits – 1800
Deliveries – 18
Surgical procedures – 60

Active Departments

Coronary Care
Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Geriatrics
Medical
Obstetrics
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Radiology
Recreation Therapy
Surgery
Ultrasound

Professionals*

General Practitioners	6
Internal Medicine	1
Obstetrics/Gynecology	1
Psychiatrist	1
Specialist Surgeon	1
Nurses	28
CCTs	3
Dietitian	1
Laboratory Technologists	4
Pharmacist	1
Physiotherapists	3
Radiology Technologists	3

Visiting Specialists

Ear, Nose and Throat
Orthopedics
Pathologist
Pediatrician
Radiologist

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Special Services

- In addition to acute and extended care beds, diagnostic rehabilitation and support services, the complex houses a medical clinic, pharmacy, health unit, home care program, dental clinic, optometrist, Alberta Social Services Department, private consulting rooms for visiting specialists and an 8-bed hostel.

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J.B. Wood Extendicare Inc.

Number of beds: 50

Professionals

Nurses 6
Recreation Therapists 3

Contact

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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC)
Alberta Family and Social Services
Ambulance Service
Chiropractic Clinic
Dental Clinic
Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)
Medical Clinic
Optometry Clinic
Peace River Health Unit (district office)
Psychology Clinic
Retail Pharmacies (2)

Some Major Community Employers

Alberta Vocational College Lesser Slave Lake (Grouard)
Buchanan Lumber
Government of Alberta (13 departments)
High Prairie School Division #48
High Prairie Separate School Division
Town of High Prairie

Hythe

Population: 688
Location: 511 km northwest of Edmonton, 56 km northwest of Grande Prairie
Access: Highway #2

The Village of Hythe is a service centre for surrounding farms and ranches and a processing centre for locally produced fruit and berry crops. The village also benefits from oil and gas developments in the nearby Elmworth Deep Basin.

The village is situated above a large underground water supply which feeds the community's 125 artesian wells. As a result, Hythe is known as the 'Town of Flowing Wells'.

The village boasts many high quality recreation facilities which have been largely built using volunteer labor and donated materials. These include a covered heated swimming pool, arena, curling rink and senior citizens complex. Residents are proud of the results of their efforts to develop their community.

Facilities and Activities

arena
ball diamonds
bowling alley
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
golf course (9-hole)
gymnasiums
hiking trails
hunting and fishing
library
ski hill
sports fields (2)
swimming pool (covered)

Recreation Areas

Saskatoon Island Park
Spring Lake Recreation Area

Hythe Municipal Hospital and Nursing Home

Population served: 2440
Facility opened: 1983
Number of beds: Acute care – 10
Long-term care – 25
Newborn bassinets – 3
Monthly activity: Inpatients – 30
Outpatient visits – 200
Deliveries – 1

Active Departments
Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Geriatrics
Medical
Obstetrics
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Radiology

Professionals*
General Practitioners 2
Nurses 5
CCT 1
Dietitian 1
Physiotherapist 1

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Visiting Specialists
Respiratory Therapist

Contact
Mr. Vern Jones
Administrator
Hythe Municipal Hospital and Nursing Home
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Hythe, Alberta
T0H 2C0
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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Medical Clinic
Nursing Home
Retail Pharmacy

Some Major Community Employers

Alberta Treasury Branch
County of Grande Prairie #1 School Division
Don Pearson Construction Limited
Hythe and District Pioneer Home (seniors residence)
Hythe Motor Inn

Lac La Biche

Population: 2553
Location: 225 km northeast of Edmonton
Access: Highways #55 and #36

The Town of Lac La Biche is located on the shores of one of Alberta's most picturesque lakes. There are more than 400 lakes within an 80 km radius of the town. These yield record numbers and sizes of pike, walleye, trout, perch and whitefish. Over 600,000 tourists visit the area each year to enjoy its recreational opportunities and its white sandy beaches.

The economy of Lac La Biche is based on agriculture, natural gas, tourism, commercial fishing and government services. There are three active sawmills making the town a major supplier of lumber and wood products. A fish packing and processing plant serves the commercial fishing industry and produces the famous 'Golden Caviar'. Lac La Biche is also home to the Alberta Vocational College Lac La Biche. This modern facility offers academic upgrading courses, apprenticeship training and university transfer programs.

Lac La Biche is a multi-cultural community that includes people of Native, French, English, Metis, Lebanese, White Russian, Italian and Romanian ancestry. Schools offer instruction in five languages: English, French, Cree, Russian and Arabic.

Facilities and Activities

archives
arena
ball diamonds (8)
boating/sailing
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
golf course (9-hole)
gymnasiums (4)
hunting and fishing
library
live theatre
movie theatre
racquetball and squash courts
rifle range
snowmobiling
sports fields (5)
tennis courts (2)
water sports

Recreation Areas

Beaver Lake Provincial Park
Shaw Lake Camps & Ski Trails
Sir Winston Churchill Park
Spruce Point Resort
Touchwood Lake
Young's Beach Campground

William J. Cadzow Hospital

Population served: 12,000
Facility opened: 1983
Renovations: Pediatrics ward in 1989
Number of beds: Acute care – 72
Long-term care – 25
Newborn bassinets – 6
Monthly activity: Inpatients – 270
Outpatient visits – 1200
Deliveries – 15
Surgical procedures – 30

Active Departments

Coronary Care (Special Care)
Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Geriatrics
Medical
Obstetrics
Pathology
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Radiology
Surgery
Ultrasound

Professionals*

General Practitioners	4
GP/Obstetrics	1
Internal Medicine	1
Nurses	42
Dietitian	1
Laboratory Technologists	7
Pharmacist	1
Physiotherapist	1
Radiology Technologists	3

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Visiting Specialists

Pathologist
Radiologist

Special Services

- Follow-up chemotherapy through the Cross Cancer Institute

Contact

Mr. Andre Remillard
Executive Director
William J. Cadzow Hospital
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Lac La Biche, Alberta
T0A 2C0
Telephone: 623-4404
Fax: 623-4404 (Extension 225)

Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Air Ambulance Service
Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC)
Alberta Family and Social Services
Alberta Health, Mental Health
Ambulance Service
Athabasca Health Unit (regional office)
Chiropractic Clinic
Dental Clinics (2)
Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)
Medical Clinics (2)
Optometry Clinic
Retail Pharmacies (2)

Some Major Community Employers

Alberta Vocational College Lac La Biche
Almac Motor Inn
Calnash Trucking Ltd.
Fleming Cats Ltd.
Government of Alberta (15 departments)
La Biche Inn
Lac La Biche School Division
Town of Lac La Biche

Manning

Population: 1144
Location: 576 km northwest of Edmonton, 100 km north of Peace River
Access: Highway #35

Situated in the picturesque Notikewin River Valley, the Town of Manning serves a trading population of 5000 with a wide variety of retail and commercial services.

Agriculture, forestry and natural gas are the backbone of the local economy. The main crops are cereal grains and canola with honey bee and beef cattle operations spread throughout the district. There are also several gas plants in the immediate area as well as logging and sawmill operations.

Visitors come to the Manning area from all over the world to experience its rich wildlife resources. The forests around Manning are one of the finest moose hunting areas in the north. Bird watching and wildlife photography are becoming increasingly popular in the area.

Residents of Manning have developed an extensive network of service clubs and organizations. There are organized groups for all ages and all interests.

Facilities and Activities

arena
ball diamonds (3)
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
golf course (9-hole)
gymnasiums (3)
hunting and fishing
library
movie theatre
museum
snowmobiling
sports field
swimming pool (covered)
tennis court

Recreation Areas

Notikewin Provincial Park

Manning General Hospital

Population served: 5000
Facility opened: 1955
Expansion: An addition for support services area in 1979
Plans for a 30-bed auxiliary hospital
Number of beds: Acute care – 34
Newborn bassinets – 8
Monthly activity: Inpatients – 100
Outpatient visits – 1360
Deliveries – 3
Surgical procedures – 10 (minor)

Active Departments

Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Geriatrics
Medical
Obstetrics
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Radiology
Respiratory Therapy
Surgery

Professionals*

General Practitioner	1
GP/Surgeons	2
Nurses	15
Laboratory Technologists	3
Radiology Technologists	2

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Visiting Specialists

Anesthetist
Pathologist
Radiologist
Respiratory Therapist

Special Services

- Physiotherapy is provided through the Peace River Health Unit

Contact

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Administrator
Manning General Hospital
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Manning, Alberta
T0H 2M0
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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Ambulance Service
Dental Clinic
Medical Clinic
Peace River Health Unit (district office)
Retail Pharmacy

Some Major Community Employers

Government of Alberta (7 departments)
Manning Motor Inn
Northern Camp Maintenance (Western) Ltd.
Peace River School Division #10

McLennan

Population: 1047
Location: 413 km northwest of Edmonton, 77 km south of Peace River
Access: Highway #49

The Town of McLennan is situated on the south shore of scenic Kimiwan Lake. The lake is home to over 200 species of shorebirds and waterfowl.

McLennan is one of four closely linked communities that make up the Smoky River Region; the others are Donnelly, Falher, and Girouxville. The communities have a combined population of 3000. Many of the region's residents share a French-Canadian heritage dating back to the establishment of a Roman Catholic mission in Falher in the early part of this century. This heritage is reflected in the many local events and activities.

Eighty percent of the region is cultivated, while the remaining wetlands and forested valleys serve as wildlife habitat and recreation areas. Crops include canola, barley, wheat, and grass and legume seed crops. The region is also a major producer of honey with annual production in excess of 1.3 million kilograms. As well, the region's economy benefits from nearby natural gas and forestry developments.

Facilities and Activities

arena
ball diamonds (6)
bird watching
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
golf course (9-hole)
gymnasium
hiking trails
hunting and fishing
library
museum
ski hill
sport fields (3)
tennis courts (2)

Recreation Areas

Winagami Lake Provincial Park

Sacred Heart Health Centre

Population served: 8000
Facility opened: 1988
Number of beds: Acute care – 50
Long-term care unit – 70
Day surgery beds – 3
Newborn bassinets — 6
Intensive nursing care beds — 2
Monthly activity: Inpatients – 180
Outpatient visits – 1000
Deliveries – 8
Surgical procedures – 45

Active Departments
Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Geriatrics
Medical
Obstetrics
Occupational Therapy
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Radiology
Recreation Therapy
Respiratory Therapy
Surgery
Ultrasound

Professionals*

Dietitian	1
General Practitioners	5
Nurses	32
Laboratory Technologists	4
Occupational Therapist	1
Pharmacist	1
Physiotherapists	3
Radiology Technologists	3
Recreation Therapists	2

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Visiting Specialists
General Surgery
Geriatrics
Obstetrics/Gynecology
Orthopedics

Special Services
- Pastoral care provided in extended care department

Contact
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Administrator
Sacred Heart Hospital
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McLennan, Alberta
T0H 2L0
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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Alberta Health, Mental Health (Falher)
Alberta Family and Social Services (McLennan)
Ambulance Service (McLennan)
Dental Clinics (U of A mobile dental unit, McLennan)
Medical Clinics (2) (McLennan)
Nursing Home (McLennan)
Peace River Health Unit (district office in Falher)
Retail Pharmacies (Falher and McLennan)

Some Major Community Employers

Canadian National Railways
Government of Alberta (4 departments)
High Prairie School Division #48
Hollandia Bakery
McLennan Separate School District #30
Municipal District of Smoky River #130

Peace River

Population: 6644
Location: 487 km northwest of Edmonton
Access: Highway #2, daily commercial air service

The Town of Peace River is situated in the picturesque Peace River Valley at the confluence of the Smoky, Peace and Heart Rivers. The community is the administrative, educational and retail service centre for an area population of 15,000.

Peace River's economy is based on forestry, oil and gas, transportation, construction, retail trade and government services. The development of the Peace River Pulp Mill 40 km from the town has contributed to a growing population with a stable economic base.

Residents of Peace River take pride in its well developed recreational and cultural facilities. A new indoor pool has recently been completed and an adult education centre linked to Fairview College will be opened in 1991.

Facilities and Activities

arena
ball diamonds (6)
boating
bowling alley
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
golf course (18-hole)
gymnasiums (7)
hiking trails
hunting and fishing
library
live theatre
movie theatre
museum
racquetball and squash courts
rifle range
ski hill
sports fields (3)
swimming (indoor pool)
tennis courts (3)
wading pools

Recreation Areas

Misery Mountain Regional Park
Queen Elizabeth Provincial Park

Peace River Hospital Complex

Population served: 15,000
Facility opened: 1961
Expansion: Nursing home built in 1971
Number of beds: Acute care – 71
Long-term care – 126
Newborn bassinets – 12
Monthly activity: inpatients – 240
Outpatient visits – 2200
Deliveries – 30
Surgical procedures – 42

Active Departments

Coronary Care
Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Geriatrics
Medical
Obstetrics
Occupational Therapy
Pathology
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Psychiatric Therapy
Radiology
Surgery
Ultrasound

Professionals*

General Practitioners	9
Radiologist	1
Nurses	32
Dietitian	1
Laboratory Technologists	7
Occupational Therapist	1
Pharmacist	1
Physiotherapists	2
Radiology Technologists	4

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Visiting Specialists

Dermatologist
Ear, Nose and Throat
Internal Medicine
Orthapod
Pathologist

Special Services

- Mammography
- Regional laboratory services
- A unique department developing and selling computer software including financial management, admissions and discharge programs

Contact

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Administrator
Peace River Hospital Complex
Bag 400
Peace River, Alberta
T8S 1T6
Telephone: 624-7500
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Peace River Health Unit

Population served: 43,500
Head office: Peace River
District offices: Manning
Fairview
High Prairie
Falher
Worsley

Health Services

Adult Health Services
Alberta Aids to Daily Living
Communicable Disease Control
Community Rehab Services
Dental Services
Early Intervention Program
Environmental Health
Geriatric Programs
Health Education/Promotion
Hereditary Disease Program
Home Care
Homemakers Service
Hospital Liaison
Nutrition Programs
Prenatal Classes
Reproductive Health and Family Planning
School Health Services
Services to Day Care and Nursery Schools
Speech Language Services
Well Baby and Immunization Clinics

Professionals*

Community Health Nurses	11
Dental Assistants	3
Dental Hygienist	1
Home Care Nurses	11
Early Intervention Program	3
Health Inspectors	4
Health Promotion	4
Occupational Therapist	1
Physiotherapist	1
Reproductive Health Educator	1
Speech Pathologists	5

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Contact

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Peace River Health Unit
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Peace River, Alberta
T8S 1S2
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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC)
Alberta Family and Social Services
Alberta Health, Mental Health
Ambulance Service
Chiropractic Clinics (2)
Dental Clinics (2)
Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)
Medical Clinics (2)
Nursing Home
Optometry Clinics (2)
Physical Therapy Clinic
Psychology Clinic
Retail Pharmacies (3)

Some Major Community Employers

Alberta Government Telephones
Armstrong Construction
Caribou Construction
Government of Alberta (20 departments)
MacMillan Construction
North Peace Roman Catholic School District #43
Northland School Division #61
Peace River Correctional Centre
Peace River Pulp Mill
Peace River School Division #10
Shell Canada Resources

Slave Lake

Population: 5611
Location: 251 km north of Edmonton
Access: Highway #2

The Town of Slave Lake, located on the shore of scenic Lesser Slave Lake, is surrounded by the dense forests of the Swan Hills. The white sandy beaches of this lake welcome the many tourists seeking relaxation and water-based recreation. The community is also the jumping-off point for several renowned sport fishing lakes in northern Alberta.

Slave Lake has a diversified economy based on oil and gas, forestry, tourism and government services. A large extension campus for Alberta Vocational College Lesser Slave Lake has recently been constructed in the town. There are also convention facilities, specialty boutiques, and shopping centres.

Slave Lake has more than 70 active associations, clubs and organizations. The rich cultural mix of the community is reflected in its many events and activities.

Facilities and Activities

arena
ball diamonds (11)
boating/sailing
bowling alley
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
downhill skiing
golf course (9-hole)
gymnasiums (4)
hunting and fishing
library
live theatre
movie theatre
racquetball and squash courts
rifle range
ski hill
sports field
swimming pool (indoor)
tennis courts (2)

Recreation Areas

Grizzly Ridge Ski Hill
Lesser Slave Lake Park
Spruce Point Park

Slave Lake General Hospital

Population served: 12,000
Facility opened: 1969
New facility: Plans for a new hospital which will include 50 acute care beds, 30 long-term care beds and 8 bassinets
Number of beds: Acute care – 39
Newborn bassinets – 7
Monthly activity: Inpatients – 200
Outpatient visits – 1500
Deliveries – 18
Surgical procedures – 30

Active Departments

Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Medical
Obstetrics
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Radiology
Surgery
Ultrasound

Professionals*

General Practitioners	8
Nurses	18
CCTs	1
EMT — Ambulance	4
Laboratory Technologists	3
Paramedics	2
Physiotherapist	1
Radiology Technologists	2

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Visiting Specialists

Consulting Surgeon/Endoscopist
Dermatologist
Internist
Pediatrician
Psychiatrist
Radiologist

Special Services

- Air medivac evacuation team handled by ambulance department using nursing and paramedical personnel

Contact

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Administrator
Slave Lake General Hospital
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Slave Lake, Alberta
T0G 2A2
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Fax: 849-5141

Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC)
Alberta Family and Social Services
Alberta Health, Mental Health
Ambulance Service
Athabasca Health Unit (district office)
Chiropractic Clinic
Dental Clinics (2)
Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)
Medical Clinics (2)
Optometry Clinics (2)
Physical Therapy Clinic
Retail Pharmacies (2)

Some Major Community Employers

Amoco Canada Petroleum Company Ltd.
Chevron Canada Resources
Government of Alberta (11 departments)
Nova Corporation of Alberta
Petro-Canada Resources
Slave Lake Pulp Corporation
Unocal Canada Resources
Vanderwell Contractors (1971) Ltd.
Zeidler Forest Industries Ltd.

Spirit River

Population: 1086
Location: 536 km northwest of Edmonton, 76 km north of Grande Prairie
Access: Highway #49

The Town of Spirit River is a trading centre for a rural population of 10,000. The name 'Spirit River' was inspired by the Cree name for the river, *Chepe Sepe*, meaning Ghost River. Residents of the town enjoy easy access to a number of the most scenic spots in the Peace Country.

Although agriculture is the community's major employer, the development of nearby gas fields has helped diversify the economy. The town is also an administrative centre for the immediate area and provides a variety of government and health care services.

An important aspect of community life is Spirit River's more than 20 service clubs and organizations. Young families who have moved to the town as a result of oil and gas development have added to the spirit of community involvement.

Facilities and Activities

arena
ball diamonds (2)
boating
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
golf course (9-hole)
gymnasiums (4)
hunting and fishing
library
museum
rifle range
sports fields (3)
swimming pool (outdoor)

Recreation Areas

Moonshine Lake Provincial Park
Dunvegan Historical Site
Silver Valley Ecological Reserve

Central Peace General Hospital

Population served: 7500
Facility opened: 1971
Expansion: Plans for 40-bed long-term care facility
Number of beds: Acute care – 42
Newborn bassinets – 6
Monthly activity: Inpatients – 100
Outpatient visits – 800
Deliveries – 4
Surgical procedures – 12

Active Departments

Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Geriatrics
Medical
Obstetrics
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Radiology
Surgery

Professionals*

General Practitioners 3
Nurses 16
CCT 1
Laboratory Technologist 1
Radiology Technologist 1

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Contact

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Administrator
Central Peace General Hospital
PO Box 339
Spirit River, Alberta
T0H 3G0
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Fax: 864-3495

Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Alberta Health, Mental Health
Ambulance Service
Dental Clinic
Medical Clinic
Retail Pharmacy
South Peace Health Unit (district office)

Some Major Community Employers

Diamond J. Oilfield Enterprises Ltd.
Government of Alberta (8 departments)
Home Oil Company Ltd.
Norcen Energy Resources Ltd.
Spirit River School Division #47

St. Paul

Population: 5128
Location: 210 km northeast of Edmonton
Access: Highway #28

The Town of St. Paul is a trading and service centre for more than 30,000 people. Its four shopping centres are complemented by a strong downtown business core.

The town is located in one of the most prosperous mixed farming regions in Alberta. The community has several agricultural processing facilities and is a distribution centre for a multitude of products and services.

St. Paul is surrounded by numerous lakes and wilderness areas that provide opportunities for swimming, hunting, fishing and boating. An active arts council sponsors a variety of activities ranging from photography and painting to weaving. Many of these reflect the co-founding French and Ukrainian cultures.

Facilities and Activities

arenas (2)
art gallery
ball diamonds (10)
bowling alley
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
golf course (9-hole)
gymnasium
hiking trails
hunting and fishing
library
movie theatre
museum
snowmobiling
sports fields (2)
swimming pool (indoor)
tennis courts (2)

Recreation Areas

Garner Lake Provincial Park
Lower Therien Lake Campground

St. Therese General Hospital

Population served: 15,000
Facility opened: 1962; major renovation and expansion in 1988
Number of beds: Acute care – 47 (66 available)
Acute psychiatric – 10
Long-term care – 30
Newborn bassinets – 6
Monthly activity: Inpatients – 850
Outpatient visits – 4000
Deliveries – 15
Surgical procedures – 30

Active Departments

Coronary Care (Special Care)
Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Geriatrics
Medical
Obstetrics
Occupational Therapy
Pathology
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Psychiatric Therapy
Radiology
Recreation Therapy
Surgery
Ultrasound

Professionals*

General Practitioners	6
Pathologist	1
Psychiatrists	2
General Nurses	55
Clinical Psychologists	2
Dietitian	1
Laboratory Technologists	6
Mental Health Therapists	3
Occupational Therapists	2
Pharmacist	1
Physiotherapists	2
Psychiatric Nurses	10
Radiology Technologists	3
Recreation Therapist	1

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Visiting Specialists

Cardiologist
Internist
Orthotist
Pathologist
Psychiatrist
Radiologist

Special Services

- Provides chemotherapy through the Cross Cancer Institute
- Regional lab offering full lab services for 10 to 12 hospitals
- Only blood bank in northeastern Alberta
- Provides rural placement training for many health care professionals from a variety of educational institutions
- Offers family medicine clinical experience to medical students

Contact

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St. Therese General Hospital
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St. Paul, Alberta
T0A 3A0
Telephone: 645-3331
Direct Line: 429-3041 (for Edmonton and surrounding area)

North Eastern Alberta Health Unit

Population served: 43,975
Head office: St. Paul
District offices: Elk Point
Bonnyville
Grand Centre
Medley
Smoky Lake

Health Services

Adult Health Services
Alberta Aids to Daily Living
Communicable Disease Control
Community Rehab Services
Dental Services
Environmental Health
Health Education/Promotion
Hereditary Disease Program
Home Care
Homemakers Service
Hospital Liaison
Nutrition Programs
Palliative Care
Prenatal Classes
Preschool Screening Program
Reproductive Health and Family Planning
Respite Care
School Health Services
Services to Day Care and Nursery Schools
Speech Language Services
Well Baby and Immunization Clinics

Professionals*

Community Health Nurses	16
CHRs	2
Home Care Nurses	18
Dental Assistants	5
Dental Hygienists	2
Family Life Educator	1
Health Inspectors	3
Nutritionist	1
Occupational Therapist	1
Physiotherapists	2
Speech Pathologists	3

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Contact

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North Eastern Alberta Health Unit
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St. Paul, Alberta
T0A 3A0
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Fax: 645-6609

Extendicare Health Services Ltd. (St. Paul)

Number of beds: 75

Professionals*

Nurses 6
Occupational Therapist 1
Recreation Therapist 1

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Contact

Mr. Steve Crim
Administrator
Extendicare Health Services Ltd.
4614 - 47 Avenue
St. Paul, Alberta
T0A 3A2
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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC)
Alberta Family and Social Services
Alberta Health, Mental Health
Ambulance Service
Chiropractic Clinics (2)
Dental Clinics (4)
Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)
Medical Clinic
Optometry Clinic
Physical Therapy Clinic
Retail Pharmacies (4)

Some Major Community Employers

Blue Quills Native Education Centre
Government of Alberta (20 departments)
Government of Canada (6 departments)
St. Paul Co-op
St. Paul Foundry Ltd.
St. Paul *Journal* Ltd.
St. Paul School Division
Town of St. Paul

Swan Hills

Population: 2412
Location: 209 km northwest of Edmonton
Access: Highways #32 and #33

The Town of Swan Hills, 'Heart of the Grizzly Trail', takes its name from the Indian legend of giant swans that rested on the nearby river estuary. The town began as a work camp built to support oil exploration in 1957. In a very short period, Swan Hills has emerged as a modern commercial and service centre.

There are currently close to 2000 oil and gas wells operating in the immediate vicinity of the town. Recent forestry developments along with construction of a high technology industrial waste disposal facility have helped diversify the community's economy.

The unique flora and fauna of nearby Goose Mountain Ecological Reserve and the existence of deer, moose, grizzly or black bears appeal to residents and visitors alike. The many scenic trails in the area offer excellent opportunities for hiking, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and horseback riding.

Facilities and Activities

arena
ball diamond
basketball
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
golf course (9-hole)
gymnasium
hiking trails
hunting and fishing
library
ski hill
snowmobiling
sports fields (2)
swimming pool (indoor)
tennis courts (2)

Recreation Areas

Carson-Pegasus Provincial Park
Goose Mountain Ecological Reserve
Krause Lake Snowmobile Area

Swan Hills General Hospital

Population served: 2500
Facility opened: 1985
Number of beds: Acute care – 20
Newborn bassinets – 4

Active Departments

Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Geriatrics
Medical
Obstetrics
Occupational Therapy
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Radiology

Professionals*

General Practitioners	2
Nurses	8
CCTs	2
Occupational Health Nurse	1
Occupational Therapist	1
Physical Therapist	1

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Special Services

- Audiometer testing
- Spirometer testing

Contact

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Swan Hills General Hospital
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Swan Hills, Alberta
T0G 2C0
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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC)
Ambulance Service
Dental Clinic
Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)
Medical Clinic
Retail Pharmacy
Sturgeon Health Unit (district office)

Some Major Community Employers

Amoco Canada Petroleum Company Ltd.
Chem-Security (Alberta) Ltd.
Esso Resources Canada Ltd.
Federated Pipelines Ltd.
Government of Alberta (5 departments)
Home Oil Company Ltd.
Shell Canada Resources Ltd.
Town of Swan Hills

Valleyview

Population: 2218
Location: 349 km northwest of Edmonton, 111 km east of Grande Prairie
Access: Highways #34 and #43

The Town of Valleyview is a regional centre for agriculture, oil and gas, and forestry. Its diversified economy supports more than 400 businesses. Farm products grown in the area include grain, oilseed, beef cattle and forage. The forage crops are a source of nectar and pollen for the large number of honey producers in the region.

There are many hiking trails in the Valleyview area leading to secluded spots ideal for bird and animal watching, fossil hunting and photography. The numerous lakes and streams are popular fishing spots. Hunting for migratory birds and upland game brings many sportsmen to the rural areas surrounding Valleyview.

There are plenty of opportunities to get involved in Valleyview's more than 45 community clubs and organizations.

Facilities and Activities

arena
ball diamonds (5)
bird watching
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
golf courses (2, 9-hole)
gymnasiums (5)
hiking trails
horse riding trails
hunting and fishing
library
ski hill
sports field
swimming pool (outdoor)
tennis court

Recreation Areas

Williamson Provincial Park
Young's Point Provincial Park

Valleyview Health Centre

Population served: 7500
Facility opened: 1966
New facility: Plans for a new facility with 35 acute beds, 25 long-term care and 6 newborn bassinets
Number of beds: Acute care – 35
Newborn bassinets – 6
Monthly activity: Inpatients – 150
Deliveries – 6

Active Departments
Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Geriatrics
Medical
Obstetrics
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Radiology
Ultrasound

Professionals*

General Practitioners	3
Nurses	13
Laboratory Technologists	3
Occupational Therapist	1
Pharmacist	1
Physical Therapist	1
Radiology Technologists	2

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Visiting Specialists
Geriatrics
Psychologist
Radiologist

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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Ambulance Service
Dental Clinic
Medical Clinic
Optometry Clinic
Retail Pharmacy
South Peace Health Unit (district office)

Some Major Community Employers

Braidnor Construction Ltd.
Concord Well Servicing Ltd.
Dragon Energy Ltd.
East Smoky School Division
Government of Alberta (9 departments)
Gulf Canada Resources Ltd.
Hi-Valley Motor Inn
Peace Pipe Ltd.
Poco Petroleum Ltd.
Shell Canada Ltd.
Town of Valleyview

Wabasca-Desmarais

Population: 3500
Location: 400 km northeast of Edmonton, 120 km northeast of Slave Lake
Access: Highways #754 and #813

The closely linked hamlets of Wabasca and Desmarais are located on scenic North Wabasca Lake. Most of the area's residents are native, with the majority being members of the Bigstone Cree Band. The communities were the site of the historic signing of Treaty 8 which covers most of northern Alberta.

Many Wabasca-Desmarais residents continue to pursue a traditional lifestyle based on hunting and fishing. The area is rich in forests, lakes, and wildlife and is a paradise for hunters, fishermen and photographers. Forestry and tourism are important parts of the local economy.

The communities offer a wide variety of government and retail services to residents of surrounding communities. Native heritage is an important part of community life. It is reflected in the many community events and locally produced arts and crafts.

Facilities and Activities

arena (outdoor)
ball diamonds (4)
gymnasium
hunting and fishing
sports field

Recreation Areas

Lesser Slave Lake Park
North Wabasca Campground

Wabasca-Desmarais General Hospital

Population served: 3500
Facility opened: 1989
Number of beds: Acute care – 25
Newborn bassinets – 4
Monthly activity: Inpatients – 60
Outpatient visits – 350

Active Departments

Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Medical
Obstetrics
Pediatrics
Radiology

Professionals*

General Practitioners 2
Nurses 8
CCTs 2

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Ambulance Service
Athabasca Health Unit (district office)
Bigstone Cree Band Social Services
Medical Clinic
National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (NNADAP)
Pee-Kis-Kwe-Tan "Let's Talk" Society

Some Major Community Employers

Alberta Career Development and Employment
Northern Stores
Northland School Division

Whitecourt

Population: 6692
Location: 180 km northwest of Edmonton
Access: Highways #43 and #32

The Town of Whitecourt is a growing community with an economy based on forestry, and oil and gas. The community has a new pulp mill and Alberta's only newsprint mill. A large sawmill and medium density fibreboard plant are located nearby.

Whitecourt is surrounded by wilderness areas that attract both sportsmen and naturalists. Carson-Pegasus Provincial Park just north of town is renowned for its excellent trout fishing and camping facilities. The Whitecourt area also attracts snowmobilers from all over Alberta who enjoy its well-developed trail system.

It is estimated that three-quarters of the residents have moved to Whitecourt in response to new industrial developments. The character of the community is rapidly changing from a resource town to a technical and trade centre.

Facilities and Activities

archery range
arena
art gallery
ball diamonds (12)
bowling alley
cross-country ski trails
curling rink
golf course (18-hole)
gymnasiums (5)
hunting and fishing
library
live theatre
racquetball courts
rodeo grounds
ski hill
sports fields (5)
swimming pool (indoor)
tennis court

Recreation Areas

Carson-Pegasus Provincial Park
Whitecourt Campground

Whitecourt General Hospital

Population served: 9000
Facility opened: 1965
Number of beds: Acute care – 24
Newborn bassinets – 7
Monthly activity: Inpatients – 100
Outpatient visits – 2000
Deliveries – 20
Surgical procedures – 25

Active Departments
Diagnostic Laboratory
Emergency
Medical
Obstetrics
Pediatrics
Pharmacy
Physical Therapy
Radiology
Surgery

Professionals*
General Practitioners 6
Nurses 13
CCT 1
Laboratory Technologists 3
Pharmacist 1
Physiotherapists 2
Radiology Technologists 2

*Reflects filled and vacant positions, full-time equivalent.

Visiting Specialists
Ear, Nose and Throat
Internist
Obstetrics/Gynecology
Pathologist
Radiologist

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Other Employers of Health Care Professionals

Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission (AADAC)
Alberta Health, Mental Health
Alberta Family and Social Services
Ambulance Service
Chiropractic Clinic
Dental Clinic
Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)
Medical Clinic
Optometry Clinic
Retail Pharmacies (2)
Stony Plain/Lac Ste. Anne Health Unit (district office)

Some Major Community Employers

Alberta Newsprint Company
Amoco Canada Petroleum Ltd.
Blue Ridge Lumber
Esso Petroleum Canada
Government of Alberta (11 departments)
Millar Western Industries Ltd.
Millar Western Pulp Ltd.
Mobil Oil Canada
Petro-Canada Resources Ltd.

Contact Directory

The following government departments and health care associations have up-to-date information on health care opportunities in northern Alberta.

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Bag 900-14 Provincial Building
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Rural Health Care
Association of Alberta
Health Care Connection
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T5N 2X2
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Alberta Association of
Registered Nurses
11620-168 Street
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Telephone: (403) 451-0043

Alberta Association of
Registered Occupational
Therapists
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Telephone: (403) 436-8381

Alberta Association of
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T5L 0G7
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Alberta Dental Association
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Alberta Medical Association
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Alberta Pharmaceutical
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Edmonton, Alberta
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College of Chiropractors of
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College of Physicians and
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Psychologists Association of
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College of Physical
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